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...IT'S NOT NORMAL.
FROM THE SUPERNATURAL STRENGTH HE SHOWED AT THE TIME OF HIS ESCAPE
AND THE WAY HE LOOKS LOST, NOW
AFTER GETTING A GENERAL CONFESSION FROM HIM...
THE MOTIVE FOR THE MURDER WAS A GRUDGE AGAINST THE LANDOWNER
AS YOU CAN SEE, HE'S NOT RESPONSIVE AT ALL.
HE'S ENTIRELY...
LIKE SOMEONE AFFECTED BY THE ELECTRONIC DRUG THAT I HEARD ABOUT.
THE INVESTIGATOR KATSURAGI YAKO WAS THERE TOO?
YES, NYA.
KATSURAGI YAKO.

.....
THE SHADOW OF X HAS GOTTEN DARKER.
I GUESS THE INVESTIGATOR WENT HOME FROM SOMWHERE IN THE MOUNTAINS AFTER THAT.
THERE WAS ONLY THE MAN WHO HAD BEEN AT HER SIDE TO CALL FOR THE CAR AND GO HOME.
BUT WHEN THE CASE WAS SOLVED AND I TURNED AROUND...
.....!!
IF SHE WAS TARGETED BY HIM FOR THAT REASON...
I'VE HEARD THAT KATSURAGI YAKO HAS HAD MANY ENCOUNTERS WITH X.
IT'S POSSIBLE THAT X CHANGED INTO AN OFFICER AND ABDUCTED HER.
WILL YOU LEAVE ME ALONE WITH THE SUSPECT FOR A LITTLE WHILE?
...EVERYONE.

THIS MAN...
IS DEFINITELY CONNECTED TO X.
I...
HAVE TO KEEP FOLLOWING X, ALL THE WAY.
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...GUH...
.....

AH, WOW...
THAT'S HORRIBLE~~~...
IF I'D DONE THIS, HE WOULDN'T BE ALIVE.
HAAH
HAAH
HAAH
NOT YET, KASAI...
I CAN'T TAKE HIS LIFE YET.
THE MOST IMPORTANT THING...
IS SOMETHING I STILL HAVEN'T HEARD FROM HIM YET.
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GFU...

I...
WILL NEVER FORGET.
DETECTIVE SASAZUKA.
LIKE YOU

.....!!
HEY, ARE YOU OKAY?
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YOU DON'T LOOK SO GOOD.

AT ONE TIME, FOR X...
THIS FACE WAS ONCE TAINTED WITH DESPAIR, PAIN, AND FEAR.
WILL NEVER FORGET.
I...

LET'S GO.
FIRST OF ALL, TO FIND OUT WHERE KATSURAGI YAKO HAS GONE.
.....

I WILL CHANGE IT ONCE AGAIN BEFORE LONG.
BECAUSE I FEAR THAT LEECH'S TRANSMISSIONS HAVE BEEN MONITORED.

WHAT!?
YOU CHANGED THE HIDEOUT AGAIN!?

AS USUAL, CAUTIOUS TO THE POINT OF BEING TROUBLESOME.
HEY, WHY NOT COME KEEP ME COMPANY, AI.
I DON'T GET TO SEE YOU AROUND VERY OFTEN LIKE THIS, DO I.
I'M HANGING UP.
SURELY YOU'RE JOKING, KASAI.
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IT'S AMAZINGLY TASTY!!
TASTES LIKE FISH OR CHICKEN!!
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KATSURAGI YAKO.
HOW IS YOUR FIRST TASTE OF FROG MEAT?
THANKS VERY MUCH!
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OOHH...
BUT I'VE ALREADY HAD ENOUGH.
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WITH SEASONING, IT'S THE GREATEST...
I'D EAT IT ANYTIME!!
PLEASE FEEL FREE TO HAVE ANOTHER HELPING.
DIVIDED UP, THERE IS A LARGE AMOUNT OF FROG LEFT OVER.
IN FACT

AFTER EATING TWO PLATES...
I'M FULL AS USUAL.
IT'S NOT THERE YET.
ON THE SURFACE ...
SHE MAY NOT HAVE NOTICED THE CHANGE IN HERSELF.
BUT BY COMPA-RISON...
VIEWED FROM OUTSIDE, IT'S A CHANGE THAT SHE OUGHT TO FEAR.

IN ANY CASE, POWERING UP HER SIMPLE BRAIN...
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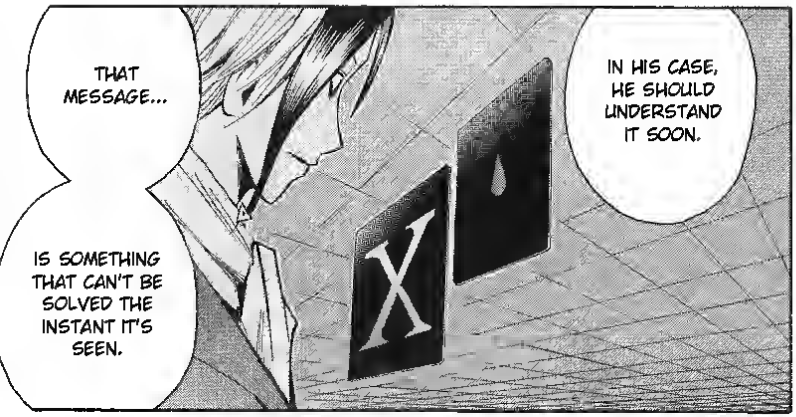
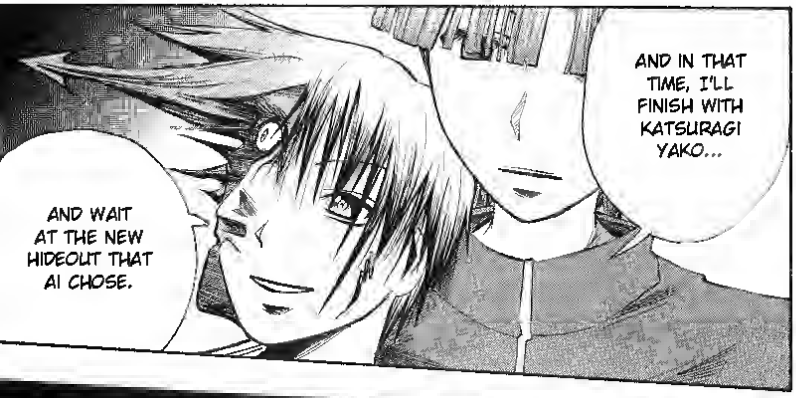
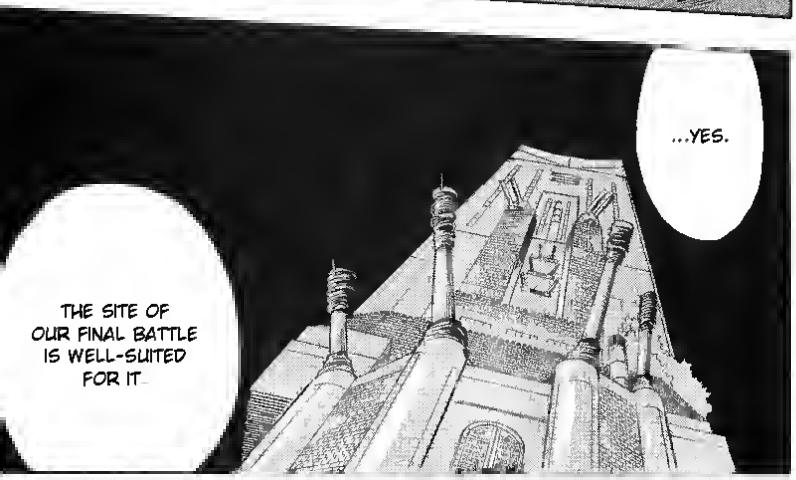
TO FINISH THE PERFECT FORM...
IS SOMETHING I KNOW WON'T BE GOOD ENOUGH WITH NEURO AS MY OPPONENT.
SHE'LL HAVE TO SEE IT A NUMBER OF TIMES.
THAT'S WHY A LITTLE BIT MORE TIME IS NEEDED.
...THIS WAY OF USING HER...
PERHAPS SHE...
IS IT REALLY THE BEST, IN THE END?
WHO X IS INSIDE...
I WONDER
IF NEURO SAW THE MESSAGE.


THAT MESSAGE...
IS SOMETHING THAT CAN'T BE SOLVED THE INSTANT IT'S SEEN.
IN HIS CASE, HE SHOULD UNDERSTAND IT SOON.
X


AND WAIT AT THE NEW HIDEOUT THAT AI CHOSE.
AND IN THAT TIME, I'LL FINISH WITH KATSURAGI YAKO...


THE SITE OF OUR FINAL BATTLE IS WELL-SUITED FOR IT.
...YES.

...YES.
SHE SEEMS TO HAVE WANDERED OFF ON ME.
SHE HAS A HABIT OF TURNING OFF HER CELLPHONE AND NOT COMING AROUND FOR TWO OR THREE DAYS AT A TIME.
SENSEI DOES THIS QUITE OFTEN...
MYSELF, I HAVE A HABIT OF AVOIDING COMPANY.
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THERE'S THE POSSIBILITY THAT SHE WAS ABDUCTED BY KAITOU "X".
...ARE YOU REALLY OKAY WITH THAT?
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AH, WELL...
I THINK SHE'LL BE BACK SOON.

IT'S NOT A SITUATION THAT THE POLICE NEED TO MAKE A MOVE ON
...IS THAT SO.
WELL THEN, WE'LL BE ON OUR WAY.
IF ANYTHING CHANGES...
CALL US ANYTIME.
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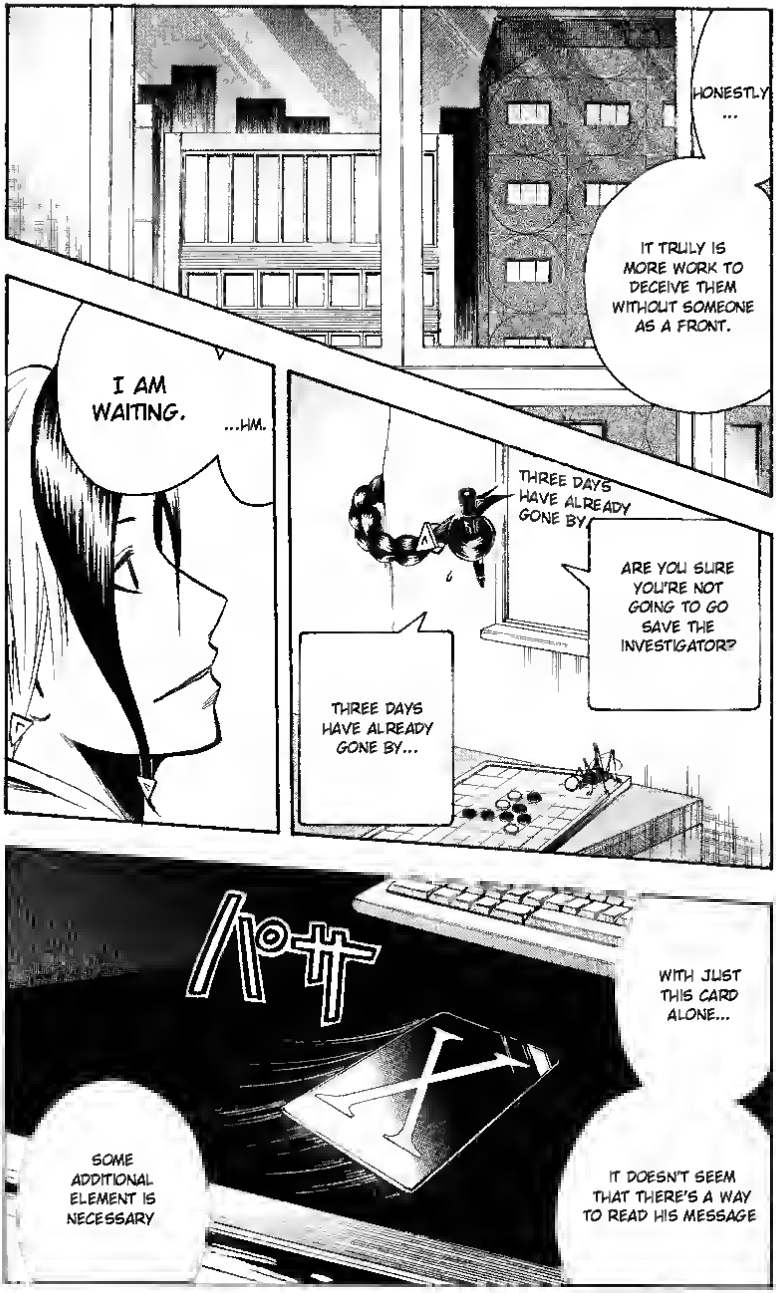
HONESTLY...
IT TRULY IS MORE WORK TO DECEIVE THEM WITHOUT SOMEONE AS A FRONT.
I AM WAITING.
...HM.
THREE DAYS HAVE ALREADY GONE BY.
ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GO SAVE THE INVESTIGATOR?
THREE DAYS HAVE ALREADY GONE BY...
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WITH JUST THIS CARD ALONE...
IT DOESN'T SEEM THAT THERE'S A WAY TO READ HIS MESSAGE
SOME ADDITIONAL ELEMENT IS NECESSARY

WANTS A LITTLE TIME UNTIL HE HAS SET UP THE SITUATION HE PLANS TO INTERCEPT ME WITH.
PERHAPS X
THE CARD BECOMES TRANSPARENT WHEN DIPPED IN WATER ..
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WHAT ON EARTH COULD IT MEAN?
TO THAT END, HE IS INTENTIONALLY LIMITING MY INFORMATION.
FURTHERMORE...
HE SENT A MESSAGE FILLED WITH A "PUZZLE"
PERHAPS AS A COURTESY FROM HIM TOWARDS MYSELF.

...OH, IT'S STARTED RAINING.
WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME IT RAINED THIS WEEK AGAIN.
RAIN...
WATER!?
!
SO YOU NOTICED, AKANE.
EARNING THAT MUCH TIME...
AND IN ADDITION, THE MESSAGE THAT APPEARS WHEN IT'S SOAKED IN WATER.

IS THERE NOTHING THAT FEELS OUT OF PLACE?
WHILE WE WEREN'T PAYING ATTENTION...
SOMETHING SHOULD HAVE CHANGED AT SOME POINT.
AND THEN...
IF THE RAIN BRINGS ABOUT THE CHANGE
IT HAS TO BE OUTSIDE.
UP UNTIL A LITTLE WHILE AGO...
IT JUST HAD A CONCRETE PATTERN ON THE FRONT.
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ON THE FRONT OF THE NEWLY CONSTRUCTED BUILDING!!

THE PARTS THAT AREN'T SOAKED IN RAIN ARE
A WHITE PATTERN!!
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I AM GOING OUT, AKANE.
YOU UNDERSTAND IT ALREADY!?
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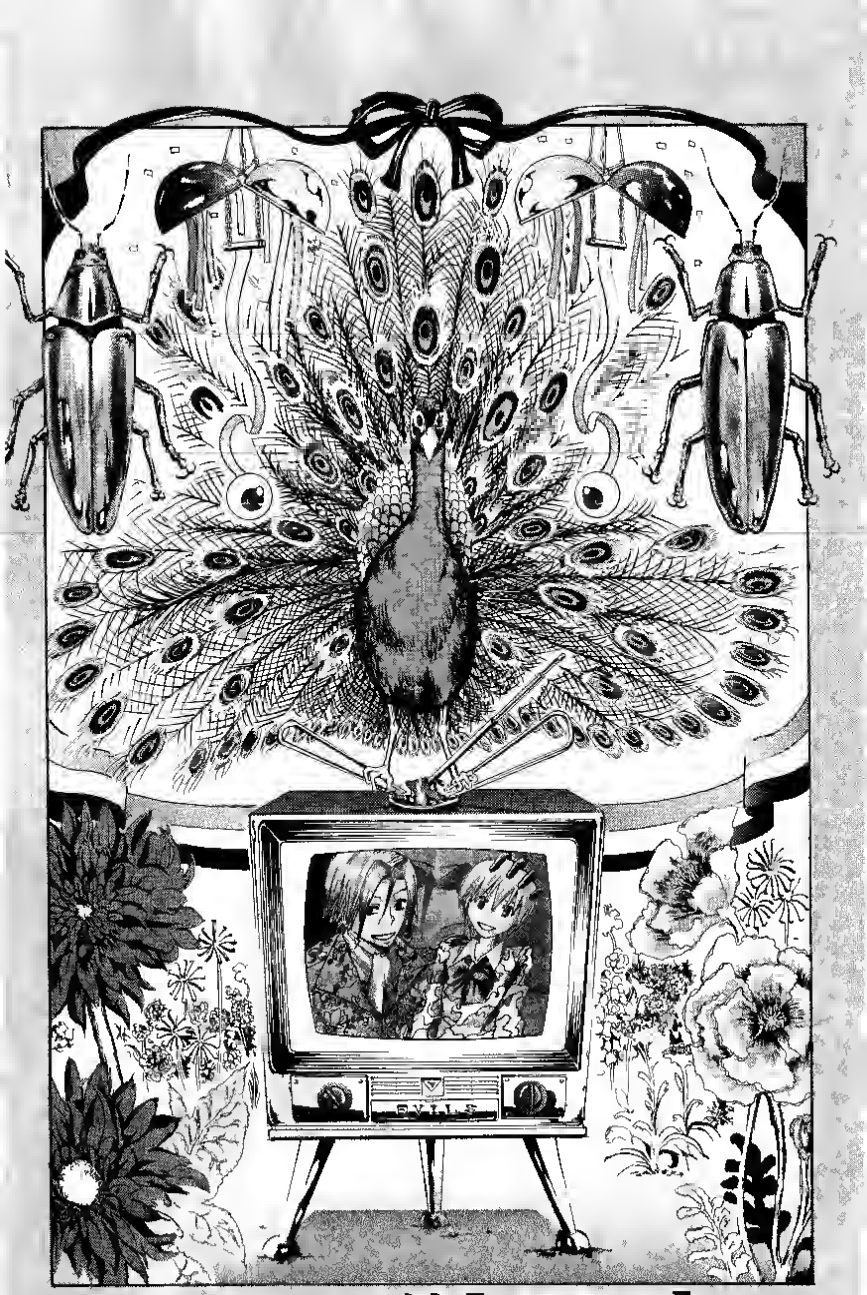
INDEED.

TRULY, IT IS QUITE HIS STYLE.
SETTLING ON THIS PLACE AS A HIDEOUT...
WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE IF HE WAS NOT X.
THEN IT'S...
WHERE?
IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT FOR A WHILE, YOU MAY UNDERSTAND AS WELL.
I AM GOING TO GO CRUSH HIM
SO THAT HE CAN NEVER USE THIS KIND OF CARD AGAIN.



CHAPTER 117 値【VALUE】

I SUPPOSE HE'S A DIFFICULT FELLOW TO DEAL WITH.
AS EXPECTED FROM A FIRST-CLASS INVESTIGATOR'S ASSISTANT...
IT'S PROBABLY DUE TO MY SUBORDINATE'S LACK OF ABILITY.
NO.
I HEARD THAT EVEN THOUGH MY SUBORDINATE WAS TAILING HIM, HE MANAGED TO LOSE HIM IN A MINUTE.
...IS THAT SO.

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WHAT'S WITH THE CARD?
THE X IS...
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...OH NO!!
THIS IS...?
I'M UNPACKING FROM INSIDE MY BRAIN...
...PLEASE WAIT A MOMENT.
THE COMPRESSED INFORMATION THAT WE NEED.

SINCE IT'S DIFFERENT FROM COUNTRY TO COUNTY...
IT MAKES IT CONFUSING.
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FROM COUNTRY TO COUNTRY ...?
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I HAVE IT.
WHAT THE MESSAGE ON THE OPPOSITE BUILDING IS
WHERE X CALLED HIM TO
...AND WHAT AN AUDACIOUS PERSON HE IS.

I THINK THE OTHER PARTY...
TOLD YOU I WAS COMING.
I AM NOUGAMI NEURO.
AND WHO MIGHT YOU BE?
EXTERNAL USE WINDOW
I UNDERSTAND HE'S WAITING FOR YOU IN THE BASMENT.
HERE YOU GO.
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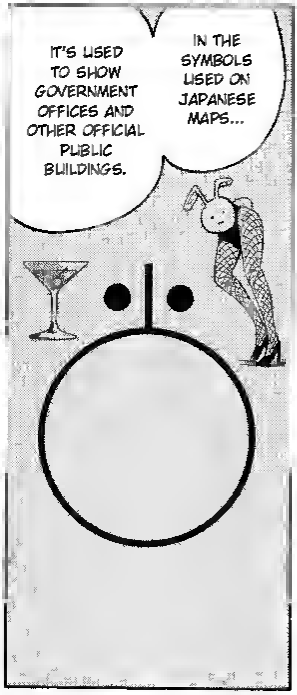
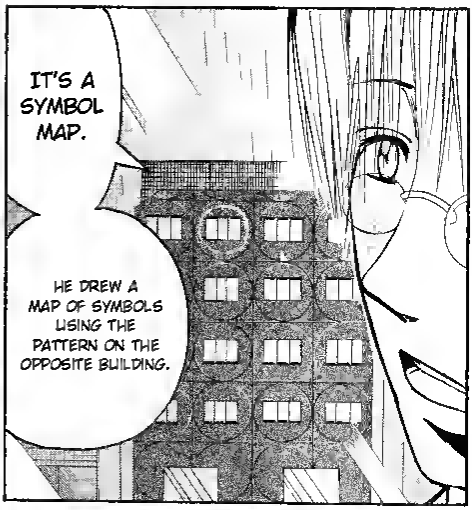
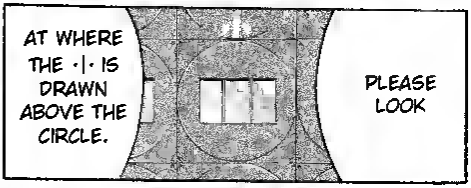
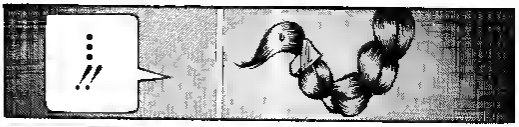
NOW IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME!!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH...


IN THE SYMBOLS USED ON JAPANESE MAPS...
IT'S USED TO SHOW GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND OTHER OFFICIAL PUBLIC BUILDINGS.


IT'S A SYMBOL MAP.
HE DREW A MAP OF SYMBOLS USING THE PATTERN ON THE OPPOSITE BUILDING.


PLEASE LOOK
AT WHERE THE ·|· IS DRAWN ABOVE THE CIRCLE.

JUST A CIRCLE IS THE SYMBOL FOR A TOWN OR VILLAGE HALL BUT...
IT'S HARD TO IMAGINE A TOWN HALL IN AN AREA THICK WITH MINISTRY AND GOVERNMENT OFFICES.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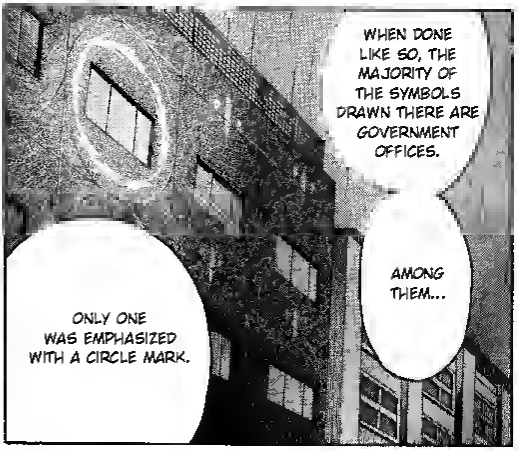
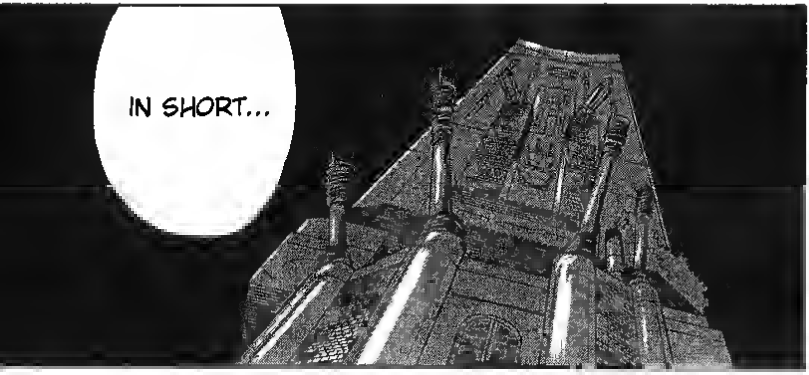
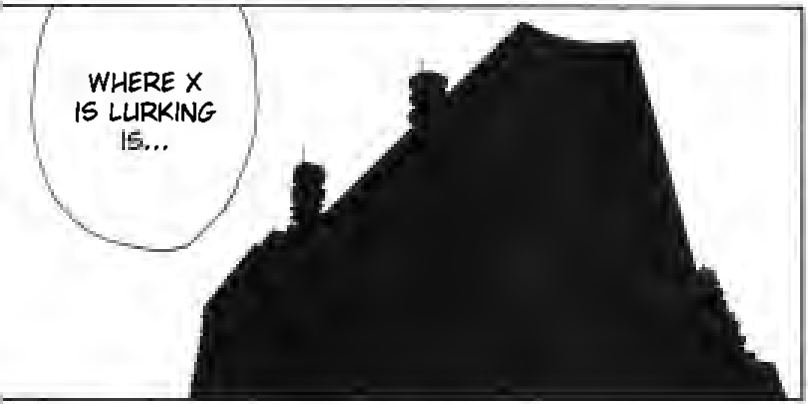
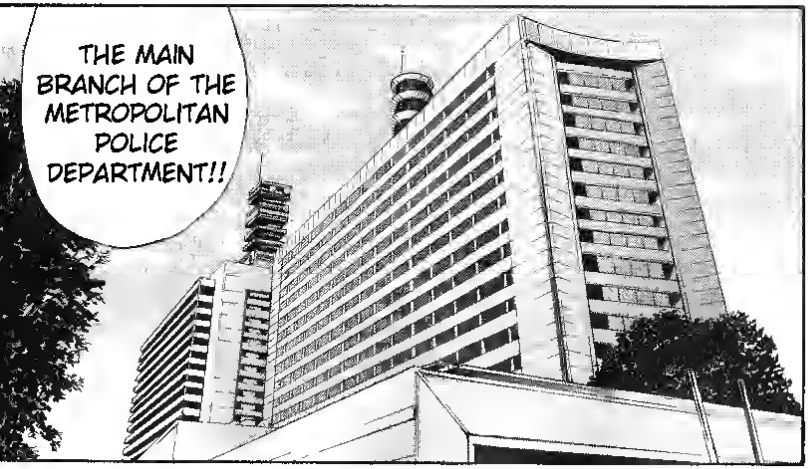

WHEN DONE LIKE SO, THE MAJORITY OF THE SYMBOLS DRAWN THERE ARE GOVERNMENT OFFICES.
AMONG THEM...
ONLY ONE WAS EMPHASIZED WITH A CIRCLE MARK.

AN X INSIDE A CIRCLE!!
.....!!
THAT SYMBOL IS...
A POLICE STATION!!
THEN...
IF YOU TRY OVERLAPPING IT WITH THE TRANSPARENT CARD THAT THE WHITE X WAS WRITTEN ON
THE THREE BRANCHES BESIDE THAT POLICE STATION ARE
IN OTHER WORDS
A COMPLEX OF BUILDINGS. ON THE RIGHT, ONE CONNECTED TO THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, BELOW IS THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND ON THE LOWER RIGHT IS THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND FISHERIES.
...YES
IF MY POWERS OF MEMORIZATION ARE NOT MISTAKEN...
GIVEN THE GENERAL SCALE OF THE MAPS IN THIS COUNTRY...
THE ONLY POLICE STATION IN THE COUNTRY SURROUNDED BY GOVERNMENT OFFICES IS THERE


IN SHORT...


WHERE X IS LURKING IS...


THE MAIN BRANCH OF THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT!!

WITH HIS ABILITIES...
HE CAN PROBABLY GET IN EASILY.
SUPERINTENDANT-GENERAL OF THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
KUMAKIRI MITSUHIKO
LET'S HURRY.
IF WE LET HIM ESCAPE...
WE WON'T KNOW WHERE HE'S GONE OFF TO AGAIN.
WHAT HIS GOAL WAS IN CALLING HER ASSISTANT THERE IS UNCLEAR.
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WITHOUT A DOUBT, HE IS SOMEWHERE IN THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT.

I BID YOU WELCOME, NOUGAMI NEURO.
I AM X'S ATTENDANT, AI.
X SHOULD BE HERE SHORTLY
AFTER HE HAS FINISHED THE ODD JOBS OF THE SUPERINTENDANT-GENERAL.
X HAS BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS.
THIS TIME, HE MUST BE CERTAIN TO...
STRIKE YOU DOWN TO LOOK AT YOUR INSIDES.
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.....NEURO.
I'VE WANTED TO MEET YOU SO MUCH.
HM.

AS YOU CAN SEE, PART OF THE BASEMENT OF THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT'S MAIN BRANCH IS...
A SHELTER PREPARED IN CASE OF A STATE OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY.
TAKING THINGS IN A FLASHY AND ANNOYING DIRECTION AS USUAL.
YOU DID NOT HAVE TO SETTLE ON THIS SORT OF PLACE AS YOUR HIDEOUT.
NO NO...
ACTUALLY, IT'S QUITE GOOD TO HAVE IT HERE.
PLENTY OF FOOD AND WEAPONS... AND MORE IMPORTANTLY
HOWEVER VIOLENT THINGS GET, IT WON'T BE DESTROYED
IT'S MY GREATEST HIDEOUT.

THESE QUIZ-FLAVORED PUZZLES TO LURE ME IN
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STINK OF CULTIVATION, AND I WILL NOT EAT THEM.
TO PUT IT BLUNTLY, I HAD NO INTENTION OF DEVOURING THEM.
BECAUSE "PUZZLES" IN WHICH A PURE EVIL INTENT RESIDES ARE THE DELICIOUS ONES.
...AND WERE THEY TASTY?
THE TWO "PUZZLES" THAT I PREPARED TO CALL YOU HERE.
...REALLY.
SORRY ABOUT THAT.

..AND LOOK.
I CAN TRY BEING KATSURAGI YAKO.
ANYWAY, I THOUGHT DESPERATELY
ABOUT WHAT SHOULD I DO TO KILL YOU.
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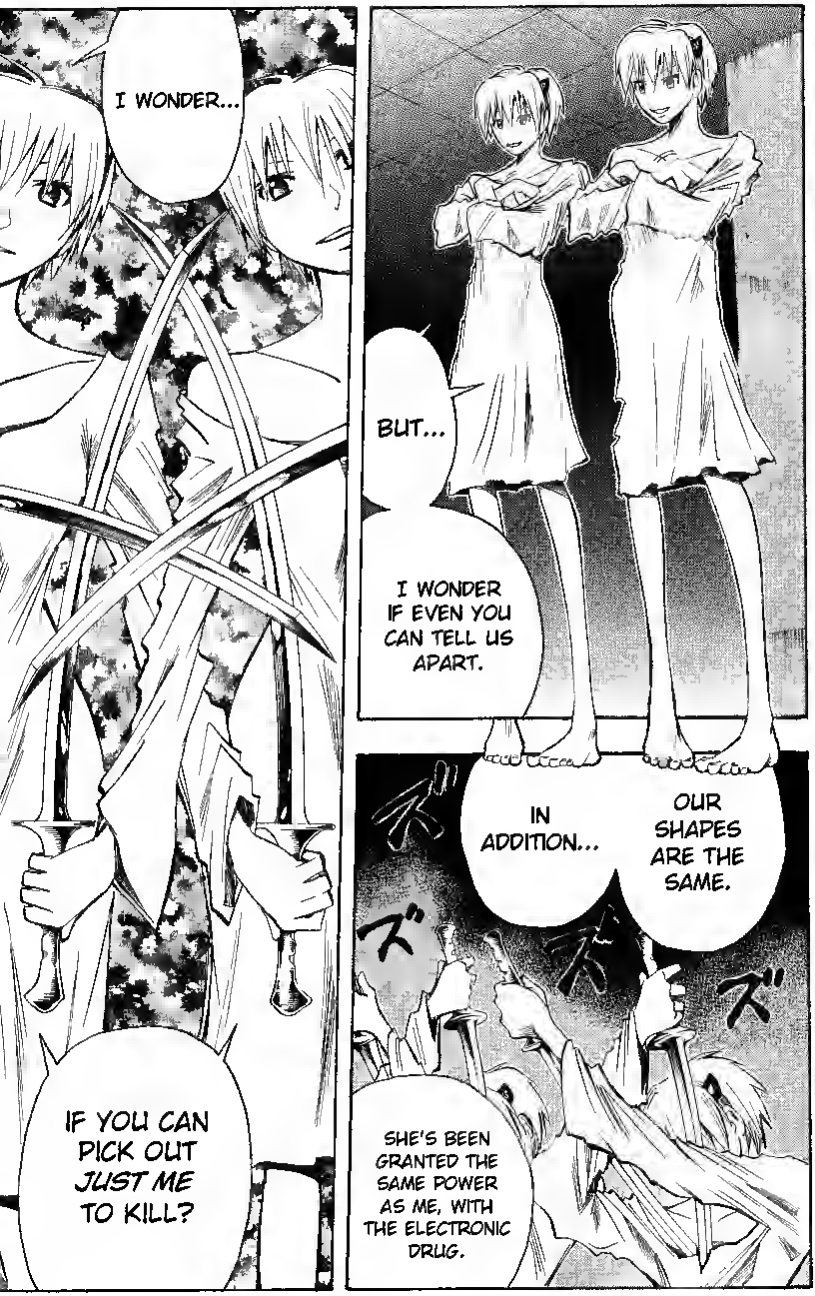
.....
IN SPITE OF REPEATED FAILURE... YOU'D THINK, MAYBE?
YES.
IT'S THE SAME TECHNIQUE AS THE FIRST TIME I MET YOU.

IT'S DIFFERENT THAN BEFORE.
BUT
YOU KNOW THE VALUE OF HUMANS...
THAT'S BECAUSE ...
MORE THAN ANY HUMAN ON EARTH.
BUT REALLY...
THE HOSTAGE WORKS AGAINST YOU.
IF I DID IT NORMALLY, I'D BE DEFEATED.

EVERY ONE OF THEM IS A VALUABLE PAWN.
AS ALL HUMANS ARE THE PRODUCERS OF MY FOOD
ONLY I KNOW OF THE VALUE THAT EXISTS BENEATH ALL OF YOU.
X.
ACTUALLY, YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND
AM ATTRACTED TO YOU.
...YES.
THAT'S WHY I...


I WONDER...
IF YOU CAN PICK OUT *JUST ME* TO KILL?
BUT...
I WONDER IF EVEN YOU CAN TELL US APART.
IN ADDITION...
OUR SHAPES ARE THE SAME.
SHE'S BEEN GRANTED THE SAME POWER AS ME, WITH THE ELECTRONIC DRUG.

PERFECT SYNCHRON-IZATION.
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THIS IS THE REASON TIME WAS NECESSARY.
…TAKE YOUR TIME
NOUGAMI NEURO.
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IT WAS PLENTY OF TIME.

THIS IS THE END.
AND THEN
LET'S GO, NEURO.

ANDREW SIXSON

BIRTHDATE:
JUNE 29
AGE:
28
HEIGHT:
184 CM
WEIGHT:
73 KG
TALENT:
MEMORIZATION ABILITY
GLASSES FRAMES:
MEMORY ALLOY
FOOD HE DISLIKES:
JAPANESE GINGER
THING THAT'S INCREASED LATELY:
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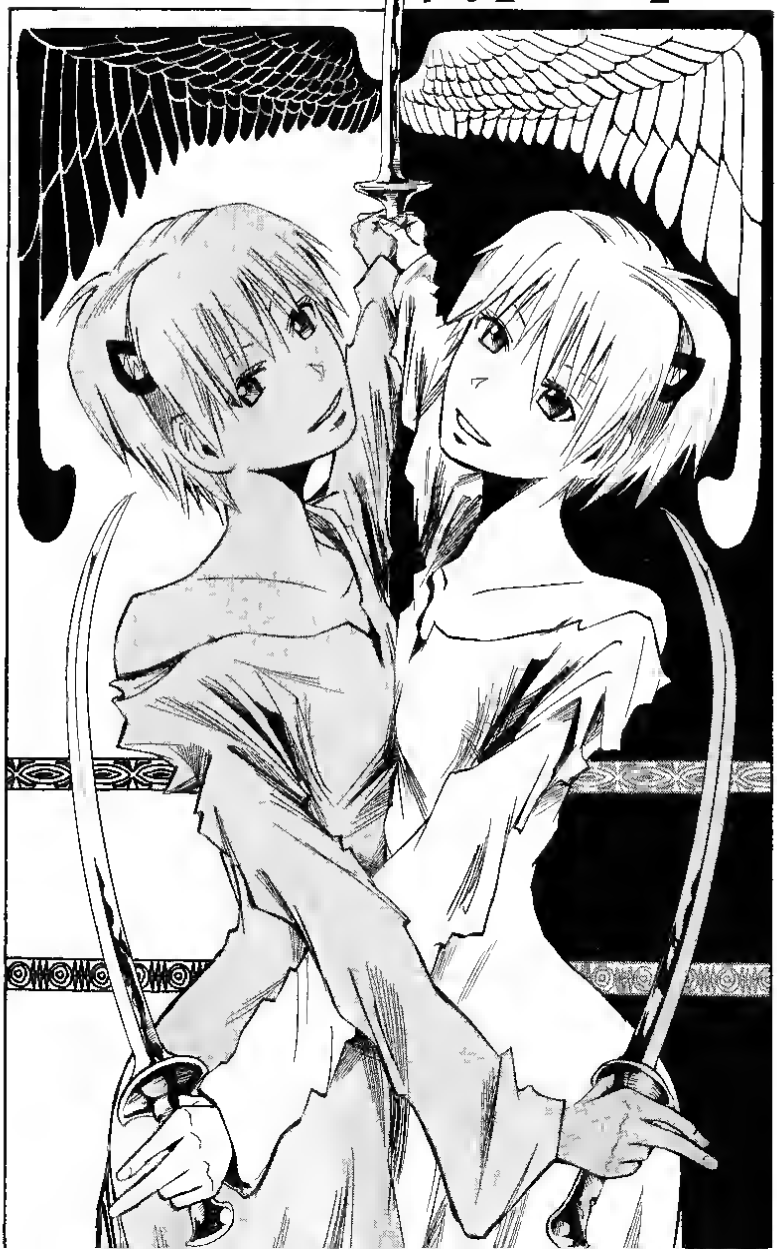

THIS IS FUN, NEURO!!
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YOU'VE PROBABLY NEVER EXPERIENCED THIS BEFORE, HAVE YOU?
SUCH A THING AS THE HOSTAGE UNITING WITH THE KIDNAPPER AND ATTACKING!!

ER.
CAN'T ATTACK, CAN YOU!?
ATTACKING WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW WHICH IS THE HOSTAGE AND WHICH IS THE CRIMINAL IS...
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YOU EVEN HAVE A REALISTIC REACTION WHEN KICKED.
I SEE.

AH...
YOU DIDN'T TAKE IT EASY ON US AT ALL AND JUST KICKED US ACROSS THE ROOM!!
...I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!?
MY HAIR CLIP... WHEN DID YOU!!
IF I WAS NOT TAKING IT EASY ON YOU, IT WOULD BE YOUR HEAD THAT FLEW OFF.
DO NOT SPEAK NONSENSE.
THE TWO OF YOU WITH THE SAME LOOK ARE CONVENIENTLY SEPERATED INTO TWO TYPES.
THE ONE WHO HAS A "PAIR" OF HAIR CLIPS AND
THE ONE WHO HAS "HALF".

IT CANNOT BE SAID TO BE A "PUZZLE", AS IT IS MERELY OUTWITTING EACH OTHER, BUT...
I WILL UNCOVER WHICH OF YOU IS X'S TRANSFORMATION
IT IS MORE INTERESTING THAN ANY OF THE "PUZZLES" THAT YOU MADE.
OR WITHOUT UNCOVERING THAT, YOU WILL KILL ME.

I THINK IT'S HOPELESS.
DUE TO SOMETHING METABOLISM RELATED.
IT'S LIKE SHE CAN PRODUCE A LARGE AMOUNT OF ENERGY FROM HER SMALL BODY...
SINCE THIS CHILD ISN'T VERY FUEL-EFFICIENT.
IT WAS HARD WORK TO GET THIS FAR.
KATSURAGI YAKO IS NOW X, TOO.
SINCE I AM NOW KATSURAGI YAKO
FROM OBSERVATION OF KATSURAGI YAKO, I MADE THE LEVEL OF MY CELLS THE SAME AS HERS.
AND THEN I TOO...

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SO GIVE UP, NEURO.
NO WAY EXISTS TO REVEAL WHICH IS THE REAL THING.

GIVE UP AND SHOW ME YOUR INSIDES!!

KATSURAGI YAKO WILL SURVIVE.
IF YOU JUST DIE FOR ME...

I'LL END UP KILLING THE BOTH OF YOU TOGETHER!!
IF THAT'S NO GOOD...
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...HM.

THE ONE WITH THE PAIR OF HAIR CLIPS.
YOU ARE X.
I AM CERTAIN.
THERE IS NO DOUBT.
ON WHAT BASIS?
OHHHH..
.....!?
IT SEEMS YOU CANNOT IMITATE HER THAT CLOSELY.
YAKO HAS A DISTINCTIVE HABIT THAT ONLY I KNOW OF.
I KNOW FROM LOOKING AT YOUR MOVEMENTS.

EVEN WITH YOUR STRENGTH YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ENDURE IT.
X.
YOU WILL DROP DEAD WITHOUT EVEN KNOWING WHO YOU YOURSELF, KAITOU "X", IS INSIDE.
TO HIT WITH ONE SHOT OF A DEGREE THAT WILL NOT KILL YAKO
AND NOW
AND FOR X
ONE SHOT THAT WILL BE CERTAIN TO KILL YOU.
7" 7"
WHEN YOU ANSWER INCORRECTLY...
THE WORST RESULT WILL BE WAITING FOR YOU.
...HM.
THEN GO AHEAD AND TRY IT.

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...HUH?
THE ONE WITH "HALF" A SET OF HAIRCLIPS.
YOU ARE X.

777 Tools of the Demon World:
EVIL LAVENDER

YOU SHOULD HAVE THOUGHT "THANK GOODNESS".
WHEN I NARROWED MY AIM TO THE ONE WITH ONLY HALF A PAIR, JUST A MOMENT AGO
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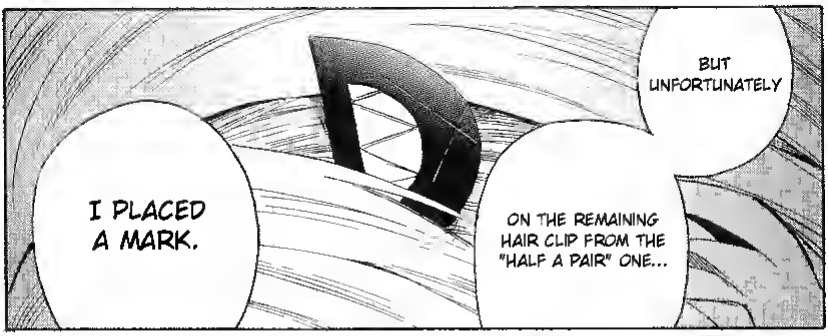
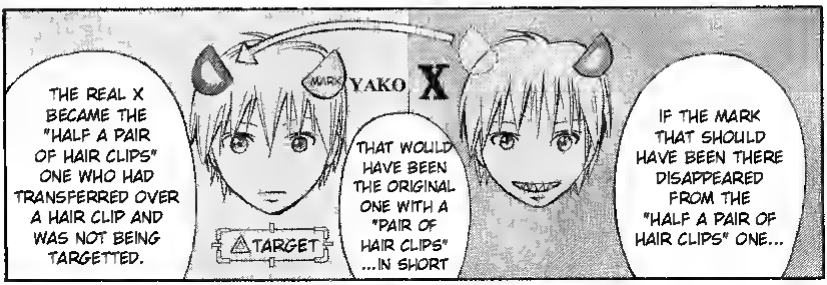
GAH...
HOW ...!?
"WHEN HE WINDS UP KILLING THE 'REAL YAKO' HERE
AS YAKO FROM THEN ON, I CAN AIM FOR HIS BACK AFTERWARDS."
PASSED OVER ONE OF THE PAIR OF HAIR CLIPS AT THE TIME OF THE ATTACK.
YOU, WHO I WAS AIMING FOR AT THE TIME...
TO BECOME THE ONE WHO WAS NOT BEING TARGETTED... IN SHORT, TO BE THE "HALF A PAIR OF HAIRCLIPS" ONE.
FROM THE BEGINNING, WHICHEVER WAY I AIMED WOULD HAVE BEEN GOOD.
IT WAS JUST BY CHANCE THAT THE ONE I HAD NARROWED MY AIM TO, THE ONE WITH "A PAIR OF HAIR CLIPS", WAS X.


I PLACED A MARK.
BUT UNFORTUNATELY
ON THE REMAINING HAIR CLIP FROM THE "HALF A PAIR" ONE...


THE REAL X BECAME THE "HALF A PAIR OF HAIR CLIPS" ONE WHO HAD TRANSFERRED OVER A HAIR CLIP AND WAS NOT BEING TARGETTED.
MARK
YAKO
X
TARGET
THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN THE ORIGINAL ONE WITH A "PAIR OF HAIR CLIPS" ...IN SHORT
IF THE MARK THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN THERE DISAPPEARED FROM THE "HALF A PAIR OF HAIR CLIPS" ONE...

IN WHICH CASE, I WOULD JUST STAB THE "HALF A PAIR OF HAIR CLIPS" ONE.
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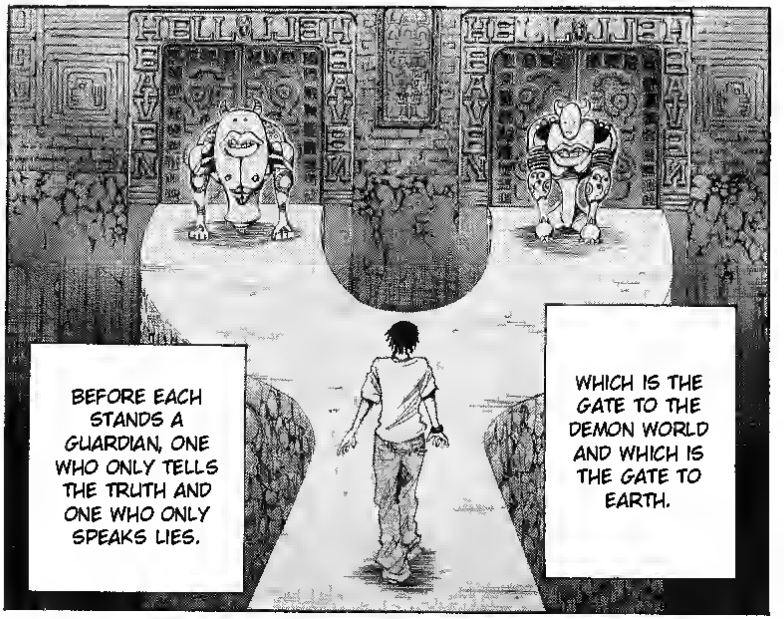
THE TRUTH CAN BE FOUND OUT THAT EASILY.

IT WOULD BE FINE FOR ME TO KILL THE "PAIR OF HAIR CLIPS" ONE THAT I WAS AIMING FOR.
IF THE SITUATION REMAINED THAT THE MARK WAS ON THE "HALF A PAIR OF HAIR CLIPS" ONE...
MARK
X
YAKO
TARGET
IN SHORT, BY DOING NOTHING, THE "HALF A PAIR OF HAIR CLIPS" WOULD BE THE REAL X.


HELL
HEAVEN
BEFORE EACH STANDS A GUARDIAN, ONE WHO ONLY TELLS THE TRUTH AND ONE WHO ONLY SPEAKS LIES.
WHICH IS THE GATE TO THE DEMON WORLD AND WHICH IS THE GATE TO EARTH.

WHICH GUARDIAN WOULD YOU ASK WHAT QUESTION TO RETURN TO EARTH?
WELL.
YOU ARE ONLY ALLOWED TO ASK ONE QUESTION OF ONE OF THE GUARDIANS.

SO MANY HUMANS THAT ANSWERED INCORRECTLY AND FELL INTO THE DEMON WORLD.
HOW NOSTALGIC.

SAMPLE ANSWER:

ASK EITHER GUARDIAN AS FOLLOWS: "WHICH GATE WILL THE GUARDIAN BESIDE YOU SAY IS THE GATE TO EARTH?" AND THEN SIMPLY CHOOSE THE OPPOSITE GATE TO THE ONE ANSWERED BY THE GUARDIAN.

THIS IS BECAUSE:

-> IF YOU ASK THE GUARDIAN WHO CAN ONLY SPEAK THE TRUTH... BECAUSE HE WILL TELL YOU HONESTLY THAT THE GUARDIAN BESIDE HIM WHO CAN ONLY LIE WILL LIE ABOUT THE GATE TO THE DEMON WORLD, DO THE OPPOSITE AND YOU CAN CHOOSE THE GATE TO EARTH.

-> IF YOU ASK THE GUARDIAN WHO CAN ONLY LIE... THE GUARDIAN BESIDE HIM WHO CAN ONLY SPEAK THE TRUTH WILL ANSWER HONESTLY ABOUT THE GATE TO EARTH BUT, BECAUSE THE GUARDIAN WHO CAN ONLY LIE ANSWERS EVEN THEN WITH A LIE ABOUT THE GATE TO THE DEMON WORLD, DO THE OPPOSITE HERE TOO AND IT WILL BE THE GATE TO EARTH.

THERE ARE A LOT OF WAYS YOU COULD ASK THE QUESTION, BUT...

THE PRINCIPLE IS, POSITIVE TIMES NEGATIVE AND NEGATIVE TIMES POSITIVE THE ANSWER TO BOTH IS NEGATIVE... IS THE OVERALL FEELING OF IT, YES?

CHAPTER 119 X【FAILURE】

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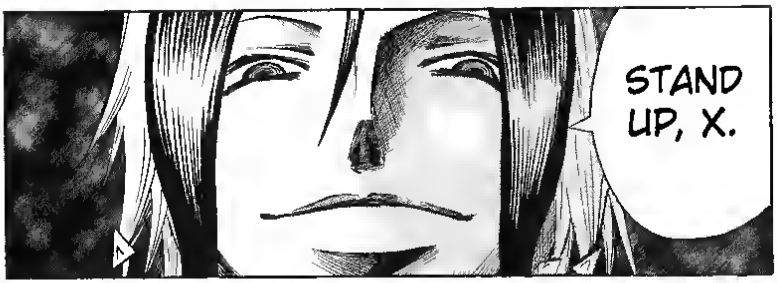
STAND UP, X.

CHAPTER 119 X【FAILURE】
FROM HERE ON...
IT IS TIME FOR MY UNEQUIVOCAL PUNISHMENT.

WITH YOUR LEVEL OF VITALITY, YOU CANNOT BE DYING.
A SORT OF IKEZUKURI, SASHIMI CUT FROM A LIVE FISH.
THE NECESSARY ORGANS TO PRESERVE YOUR LIFE REMAIN UNINJURED.
SHIT...
SHIT...
OF..... COURSE!!
FROM HERE ON...
I CAN'T BE KATSURAGI YAKO LIKE THIS ANYMORE.
OHO.
YOU STILL HAVE THE WILL TO FIGHT.

IF I WANT TO SERIOUSLY TRY TO KILL YOU...
I'LL TAKE MY SHAPE FURTHER AWAY FROM HUMAN.
...IT'S EXTREMELY AMUSING.
BUT
WHY IS IT, I WONDER.

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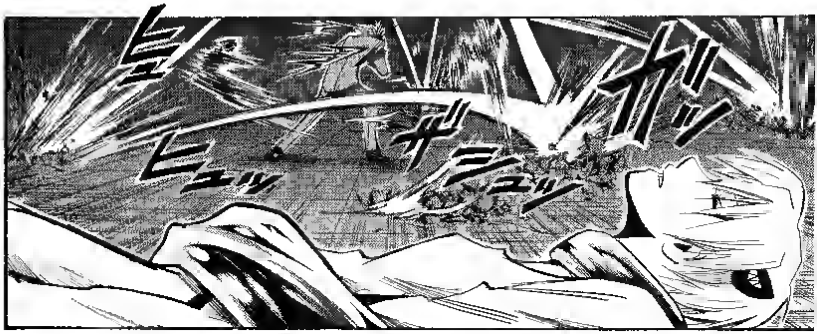
BEFORE I EVEN KNOW IT!!

WHAT WAS A SEARCH FOR WHO I AM INSIDE BEFORE...
WHAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN NOTHING BUT A PROCESS...
THE WORK OF KILLING YOU TURNED INTO A DREAM!!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ONLY WHEN I THINK ABOUT KILLING YOU...
CAN I FORGET MY UNEASE AT NOT KNOWING WHO I AM INSIDE!!
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REALLY?
I'M GLAD.
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IN THAT CASE
バチ..
I SHALL GIVE YOU QUITE THE BARGAIN FOR GETTING THIS FAR.
A DEMONIC ELECTRICAL CURRENT THAT TEARS APART MUSCLE AND TENDONS.
777 Tools of the Demon World: EVIL PRESSURE

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AH.....
PERHAPS THIS WILL BE THE END.
YOU WILL DROP TO YOUR KNEES IN DEFEAT FROM MY SCATHING REBUKE.
COULD THIS BE THE THING KNOWN AS "FAILURE"?

MY STOMACH IS BLOATED WITH HAVING DEVOURED A HUGE "PUZZLE".
...NOW THEN.
THAT... WASN'T FAIR.
IT'S A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT LEVEL OF POWER...
THAN WHAT YOU DID BEFORE.
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YOU WILL TELL ME HOW TO BRING YAKO BACK FROM BEING BRAINWASHED.
THOUGH FOR THE MOMENT I WILL CONTINUE TO SEND ELECTRIC CURRENT FLOWING THROUGH HER BRAIN.
IF YOU SAY SHE CANNOT BE RETURNED TO NORMAL...
YOU SHOULD KNOW WHAT MAY HAPPEN.

AND THEN...
AMONG THE NUMEROUS TIMES MY EYES MET HERS...
I OBSERVED THE CELLS OF HER OWN BODY, TOO.
WELL THEN, ALLOW ME TO MAKE THE CURRENT STRONGER.
IS THAT SO.
.....
THAT WAY WILL PROBABLY WORK.
AS A FIGHTING TECHNIQUE TO SYNCHRONIZE THE MOVEMENTS AND THOUGHTS OF TWO PEOPLE
THE TYPE I USED HAS TO BEEN SEEN ONCE AN HOUR.
EVEN IF YOU LEAVE IT ALONE, THAT BRAINWASHING DOESN'T LAST FOR LONG.
SINCE THE ELECTRONIC DRUG THAT I STOLE IS IMPERFECT...
THE ELECTRONIC DRUG HAS NOT EVEN DISTURBED THE CORE OF HER BRAIN.
HER CELLS WERE CONSISTENTLY CALMNG DOWN.

HA.
I ENVY PEOPLE THAT HAVE THAT SUPPORT IN THEIR HEARTS.
NEURO.
IT WAS BECAUSE SHE HAD CONFIDENCE THAT YOU WOULD COME TO SAVE HER.
CONVERSELY, BY CHOPPING ME INTO PIECES...
AND ANALYZING THE MECHANISMS OF DEMONS
WHETHER OR NOT YOU CAN BE SATISFIED BY THAT IN THE END DEPENDS ON YOU.
DEPENDING ON YOUR WAY OF THINKING ABOUT SUPPORT, IT CAN ALWAYS BE HAD.

I'VE HAD IT WITH THOSE KINDS OF SPEECHES!!
WELL.
AS MYSELF, THROUGH YOU, HUMANS...
"HUMAN POTENTIAL" YOU MEAN'?
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AS IF ANY OF YOU WOULD KNOW!!
YOU PEOPLE THAT KNOW WHO YOU ARE, THROUGH AND THROUGH...
I WAS PLANNING TO BRING YOUR CORPSE HOME WITH ME TODAY.
BUT IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE OVER WITH THIS!!
.....

GET READY, NEURO.
THERE'S STILL A PLAN FOR NEXT TIME.
I'LL KILL YOU EVEN MORE CRUELLY...
NO MATTER WHAT IT TAKES!!
NOW THEN.
I WONDER IF THE BRAINWASHING HAS WORN OFF YET?
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FU HA HA HA HA HA
WHAT A SPOILED CHILD.
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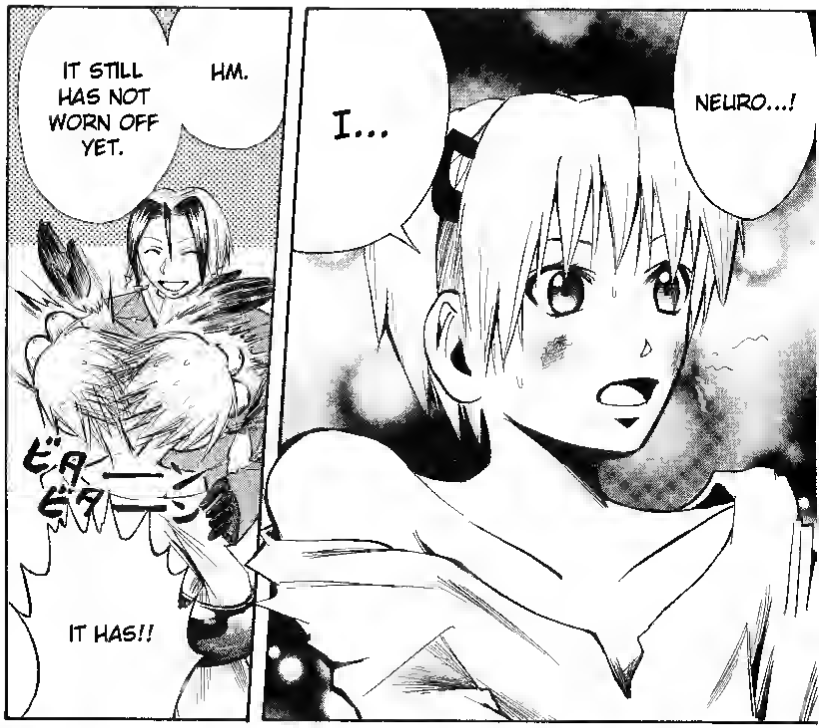
IT STILL HAS NOT WORN OFF YET.
HM.
I...
NEURO...!
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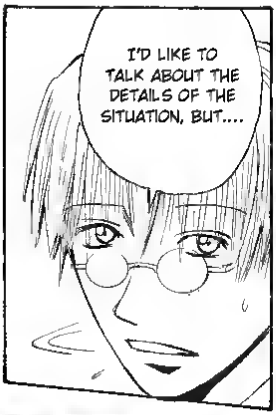
IT HAS!!

IT DEFINITELY STILL HAS NOT WORN OFF.
TOO CLEVER.
SEEING THE ELECTRONIC DRUG IN X'S EYE...
...I REMEMBER!!
ビターン ビター
NO MATTER WHAT I SAY I CAN'T WIN!!
WITH X, I...
AND THEN...

M?
I COULD NOT HEAR THAT LAST BIT.
ONCE AGAIN, IN A LOUDER VOICE.
IF I SPIT OUT A WORD OF THANKS, HE'LL DEMAND A REWARD LIKE THE DEVIL INCARNATE!!
I CAN'T SAY IT!!
YOU CAME...
TO SAVE ME.
THANKS
YAKO!!
LIM.
ER.
AH...
THIS VIOLENCE... THERE'S NO MISTAKING IT.
KAITOU "X" WAS HERE JUST A MINUTE AGO.
...MR. SASAZUKA!!
YOU'RE UNHARMED?


I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT THE DETAILS OF THE SITUATION, BUT....

I'M ANDREW SIXSON FROM INTERPOL.
WHAT'S MOST IMPORTANT IS THAT YOU'RE SAFE, FAMOUS INVESTIGATOR KATSURAGI YAKO.
...UH-HUH.

IF WE LOSE HIM...
HAAH
HAAH
HAAH
THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT HE'LL DO!!

BEFORE THAT, WE HAVE TO FOLLOW X!!
HAAH
HAAH
HAAH
HIS VERY EXISTENCE IS TOO DANGEROUS.

THE BLOOD OF MANY MORE PEOPLE WILL BE SPILLED IN VAIN AGAIN!!
IF WE DON'T CAPTURE HIM NOW...
THIS IS OUR BIGGEST CHANCE!!
.....
I REMEMBER!!
THERE ARE TWO ELEVATORS ATTACHED TO THIS FLOOR.
WHEN WE CAME DOWN, THE OTHER ELEVATOR WAS...
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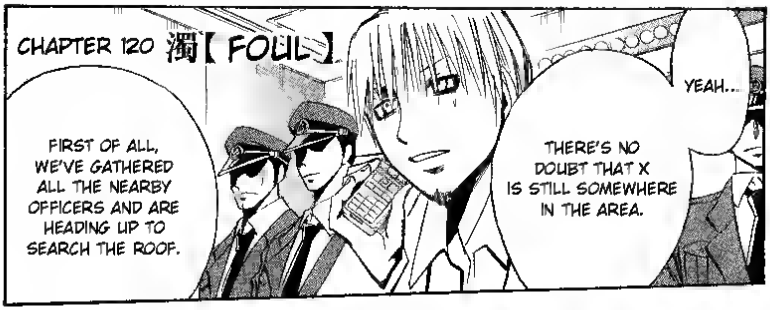
...ON THE ROOF!!

SOMETHING IS STARTING.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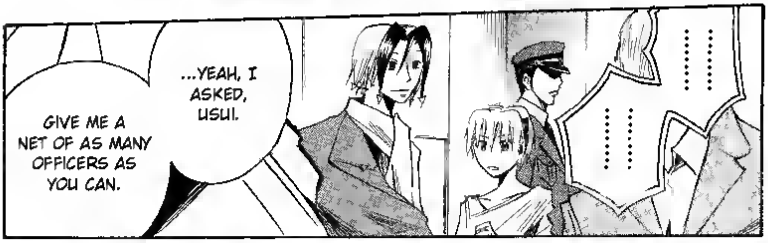
FIRST OF ALL, WE'VE GATHERED ALL THE NEARBY OFFICERS AND ARE HEADING UP TO SEARCH THE ROOF.
THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT X IS STILL SOMEWHERE IN THE AREA.
YEAH...


GIVE ME A NET OF AS MANY OFFICERS AS YOU CAN.
...YEAH, I ASKED, USUI.
.....
.....

EVEN THOUGH I'D BEEN SAVED LIKE THIS.
IT STILL WASN'T DISAPPEARING
.....

STAY WITH US A BIT LONGER, MISS KATSURAGI.
YOUR STRENGTH MAY STILL BE NEEDED.
SURE.....

CHAPTER 120
濁「FOUL」
THIS HORRIBLE SENSATION
WHAT COULD IT BE, I WONDER.
.....IT'S TOO BAD.
IT WAS ALL JUST AS PLANNED UP UNTIL NOW...
I SHOULD HAVE GOTTEN TO BRING NEURO'S CORPSE AND GET IN.

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...IS THAT SO.
WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO DO?
THERE ARE SOME GENERAL FIREARMS LOADED ONTO THIS HELICOPTER.
IT'S NOT IMPOSSIBLE...
TO MAKE A FIGHT OF IT WITH NEURO ONCE AGAIN RIGHT NOW.
.....
...AI.
IS THERE STILL ANYTHING GOOD LEFT FROM THE GORILLA MEAT?
?
THIGHS WITH THE FAT ON THEM.
YES.
MY BODY CELLS ARE BEING TORN APART AND DESTROYED.
IF I DON'T EAT SOMETHING TO RECOVER, IT'LL BE USELESS ANYWAY.

WE'LL WITHDRAW FOR TODAY.
MAKE SOME DELICIOUS DEEP-FRY FOR ME, AI.
UNDERSTOOD.
.....
X!!
...SO HE REALLY WAS HERE!!
.....!!
HE'S GOING TO GET AWAY ON THAT HELICOPTER!!
...HMPH.

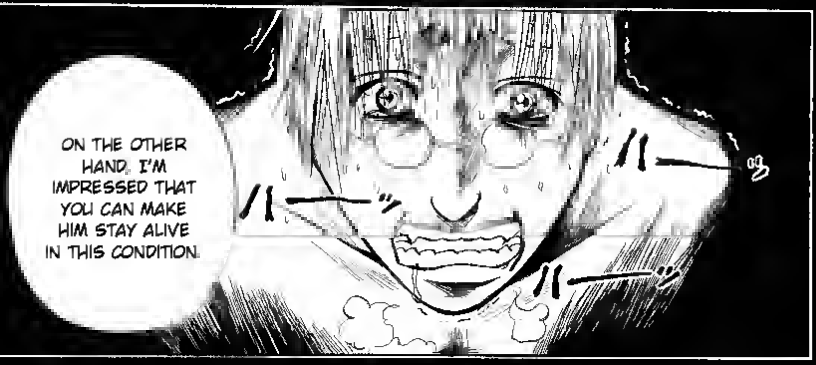
SURELY YOU DON'T THINK YOU'LL BE ABLE TO CATCH ME?
YOU WENT TO THE TROUBLE OF GETTING TOGETHER THAT SMALL NUMBER OF PEOPLE, GENTLEMEN FROM THE POLICE!!
BUT SURELY, INSIDE ME...
AS USUAL, I DON'T KNOW MY ROOTS
I COULD KILL THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT ARE HERE IN FIVE SECONDS!!
ANY OF YOU WHEN YOU'RE ONLY HUMAN...
RESIDES THE CRUELTY TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT KIND OF THING CALMLY!!

NEXT TIME...
I'LL GET YOU.
SEEYA, NEURO.
THIS IS A FIGHT BETWEEN JUST US.
I...
GRH...
HE'S GOING TO GET AWAY IN THAT HELICOPTER.
I CAN'T STOP HIM WITH JUST THIS GUN.
WILL NEVER FORGET.

AT ONE TIME
FOR X
THIS FACE WAS ONCE TAINTED WITH DESPAIR, PAIN, AND FEAR.
AH, WOW..
THAT'S HORRIBLE~~..
IF I'D DONE THIS, HE WOULDN'T BE ALIVE.
OKAY.
TAKE US UP, AI.

……
AI?

THERE'S NOTHING EVEN LEFT OF *THIS THING* BUT HIS HEAD AND ORGANS.
I WONDER HOW HORRIBLE IT IS?


ON THE OTHER HAND, I'M IMPRESSED THAT YOU CAN MAKE HIM STAY ALIVE IN THIS CONDITION.
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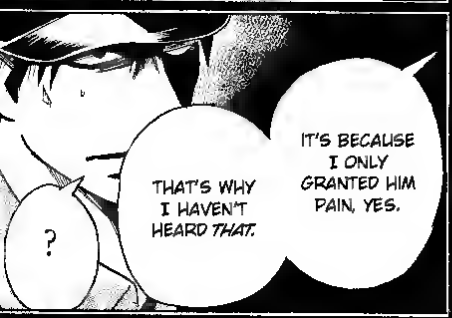
BUT...
I STILL HAVEN'T HEARD THE MOST IMPORTANT THING.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THAT'S WHY I HAVEN'T HEARD *THAT.*
IT'S BECAUSE I ONLY GRANTED HIM PAIN, YES.

I MADE HIM SPEAK OF EVERY EXPERIENCE IN HIS LIFE.
STILL...
I HAVE ALREADY MEMORIZED ALL OF HIS CHARACTERISTICS. NOT ONLY HIS PECULIAR ACCENT BUT ALSO HIS INSTANT MEMORIZATION ABILITY.

HOW HE LAUGHS.
WITHOUT KNOWING HOW HE LAUGHS FROM THE HEART...
I CAN'T PLAY THIS MAN'S EVERY ROLE, NOW CAN I?
NOW THEN, LAUGH, ANDREW.
THINK OF YOUR GREATEST JOY AND SHOW ME YOUR GREATEST LAUGH.
WELL.
WELL, HURRY UP.
LAUGH!!

SHI...
SH-HA...
SH-HA...
SH-HA...
THANK YOU.
THERE'S NO MORE USE FOR HIM.
PEEL THE SKIN OFF HIS FACE AND THROW THE REST AWAY.
ROGER.
I...
WILL NEVER FORGET.

ANDREW SIXSON FROM INTERPOL...
WHEN A SMILE THAT WASN'T HIS FLOATED ACROSS HIS FACE
IT WAS FUN...
THAT WAS ABOUT WHEN THE ATMOSPHERE IN THE PLACE BECAME FOUL.
THAT TIME.

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ISN'T SOMETHING THAT DEPENDS ON SPECIAL CELLS OR POWERS.
TRUE "EVIL"
AN IMPROVED NAUSEATING CIRCUIT OF THOUGHT
"EVIL" IS INSIDE YOUR HEAD.
THE ONE WHO HOLDS THOSE UNWAVERING BLACK BRAIN CELLS IS...
SELECTED AS "ABSOLUTE EVIL".

TIME TO PULL BACK THE OPENING PERFORMANCE OF KAITOU "X".
SOME MONSTER ROBBER HE WAS. IT MAKES ME LAUGH.
YOU ARE ONLY...
THAT PERSON'S DECOY.

"PLANE CRASHER" IMINA...
IT BECAME DIFFICULT TO AQUIRE YOUR WHEREABOUTS FOR A LONG TIME.
BECAUSE OF HER WORKING UNDER YOU...
COULDN'T GET HIM OUT FROM UNDER HER CAREFUL WATCH IN THE END.
EVEN MY SUBORDINATE THAT CONTACTED ME WITH AN IDEA AT LONG LAST...
I HAD TO WORK ON IT PERSONALLY.
FINALLY...
I'VE GOTTEN RID OF THAT VILE PEST THAT WAS ALONG WITH YOU.
SINCE IT COULDN'T BE HELPED...

NO...
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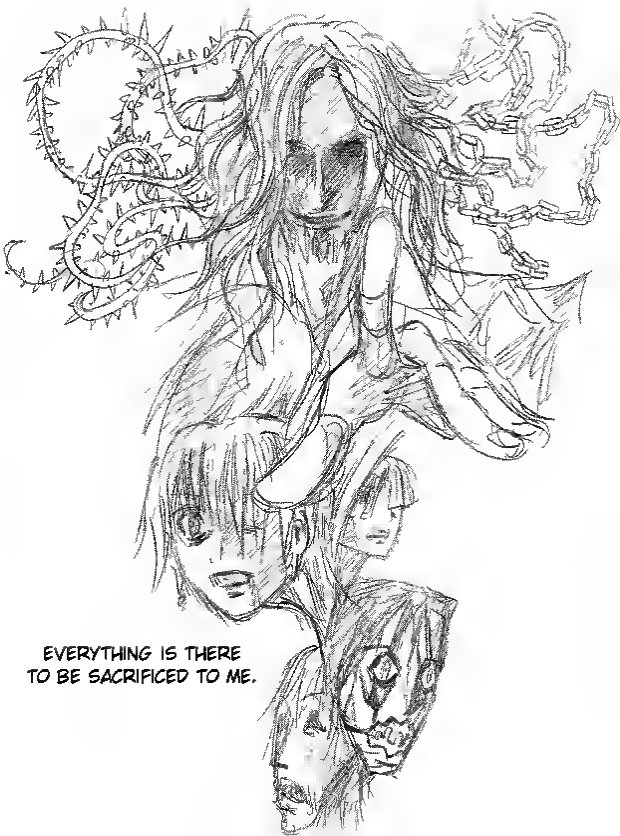
FINALLY WE MEET, KAITOU "X".
MY...
NAMELESS CHILD.


EVERYTHING IS THERE
TO BE SACRIFICED TO ME.

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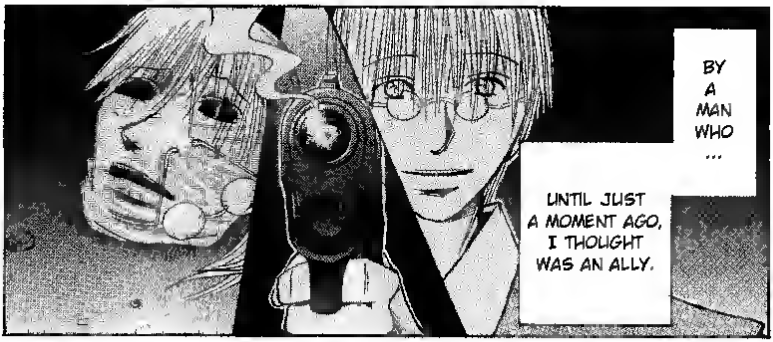
MY...
NAMELESS CHILD.
WE MEET.
FINALLY...



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WE'D BEEN INVESTIGATING TOGETHER FOR THE PAST FEW DAYS...
WHAT'S GOING ON, MR. SASAZUKA!?
...
THAT PERSON FROM INTERPOL...
I WOULD HAVE THIS KIND OF STUPID QUESTION NOW.
I DIDN'T THINK...
WHO ARE YOU?

WHA...

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IT'S NOT JUST ME!!
NOBODY EXCEPT NEURO CAN MOVE.
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……!
ドーン
THIS EVIL PRESSURE!!
ドカーン
WHAT...
WHAT IS THIS!?
I DO NOT SENSE DEMONIC POWER.
CERTAINLY, THIS MAN IS NOT A DEMON
....BUT

IS HE...
...HUMAN?
.....
BUT
THIS MAN...

DID I BRING HERE WITH ME!?
WHAT KIND OF TERRIBLE MONSTER...
WHAT...
HAVE I DONE!?

I WOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN ABLE TO FIND THIS CHILD.
WITHOUT THE FULL COOPERATION OF THIS NATION'S POLICE FORCE...
IT WAS ONLY FOR A SHORT TIME, BUT...
DETECTIVE SASAZUKA.
THANKS FOR ACCOMPANYING ME ON MY SEARCH.

SINCE I DON'T HAVE THE ABILITY TO TRANSFORM LIKE YOU THERE.
IT WAS A DIFFICULT TASK FOR ME TO TAKE HIS PLACE
AS A WAY TO GAIN YOUR TRUST, WE CAPTURED THIS MAN FROM INTERPOL...
...!?
BLOODLINE...?
AH WELL.
HAPPILY, AT LEAST THIS MAN WAS A MINOR MEMBER OF MY BLOODLINE.
SINCE WE'RE OF A SIMILAR TYPE, I INHERITED HIS INSTANT MEMORIZATION, TOO.
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Andrew Sixson
PERHAPS YOU SAW A REMNANT OF THAT IN HIS NAME.
YES, BLOODLINE.

LIKE HOW THE BIRDS AROSE FROM AMONG THE DINOSAURS
BORN FROM THE HUMAN RACE
WE ARE A RACE OF PEOPLE THAT GO BEYOND THE HUMAN RACE.
"THE NEW BLOOD-LINE."
THE PERSON IN THE POSITION AT THE UTMOST PEAK OF THE BLOODLINE IS CALLED THUSLY.
MY NAME IS...
"SICKS."

NEW BLOODLINE...
SICKS!?
KAITOU "X".
I HEAR THAT IS THE NAME YOU HAVE BEEN CALLED BY.
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AS FAR AS I'VE HEARD...
YOU ACTIONS ARE PART OF YOUR SEARCH FOR WHO YOU ARE INSIDE, BUT
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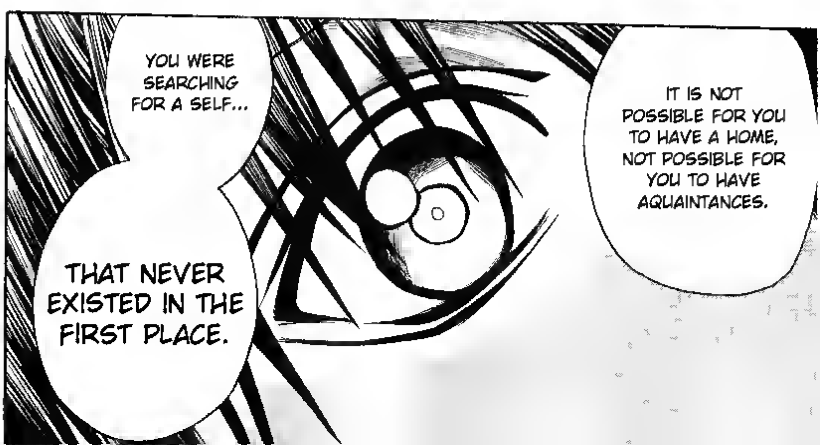
LET ME TELL YOU.
THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS WHO YOU ARE INSIDE.

YOU ARE A GUINEA PIG, AN ALTERED CLONE OF MYSELF.
YOU CODE WAS "EXPERIMENT 11", YOUR BIRTH WAS SEVENTEEN YEARS AGO, AT THE TIME OF BIRTH YOUR SEX WAS FEMALE, YOUR SUBSTITUTE MOTHER WAS DISPOSED OF IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DELIVERY.
YOU SPENT THE FIVE YEARS AFTER YOUR BIRTH BEHIND REINFORCED GLASS, DEVELOPING AND BEING EXPERIMENTED ON.


IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO HAVE A HOME, NOT POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO HAVE AQUAINTANCES.
YOU WERE SEARCHING FOR A SELF...
THAT NEVER EXISTED IN THE FIRST PLACE.

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AFTER THE BASIC POWER INCREASE EXPERIMENT WAS OVER...
IN ORDER TO GET DATA ON THE PROGRESS OF YOUR CELLULAR CHANGES AND YOUR SOCIETAL ADAPTATIONS...
WE SENT YOU OUT INTO SOCIETY.
BUT...
OUR INTENT WAS TO RECOVER YOU AFTER FIVE OR SIX YEARS OUT IN THE WORLD.
AFTER YOU MET THAT WOMAN BY ACCIDENT...
EVERYTHING WENT WRONG.
THE CHARRED WOMAN HERE
"PLANE CRASHER" IMINA, OF A CERTAIN COUNTRY'S NATIONALIST TERRORISTS.

PARTNERING UP WITH THAT WOMAN...
BY STARTING UP CONCEALMENT TECHNIQUES, USING HER SKILLS AS A HIGH-LEVEL OPERATIVE...
SHE WAS THE SUPPORT THAT ENABLED YOU TO EXERCISE YOUR CELLULAR CHANGE AT FULL POWER.
DOING SO...
EVEN MY SUBORDINATES COULDN'T FOLLOW YOU.
AS A RESULT, WE LOST TRACK OF A VALUABLE EXPERIMENTAL SUBJECT FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS.
THE WANDERING MONSTER...
WITH A TROUBLED BRAIN
ENDED UP TURNING INTO THE PERFECT "KAITOU".

THIS IMPIOUS CHILD
REALLY HASN'T BEEN WORTH THE TROUBLE.
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FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF THIS NATION'S EXCELLENT POLICE.
AFTER I HAD DISGUISED MYSELF AS FROM INTERPOL, BY JUST ASKING...
I FOUND YOUR INFORMATION IN NO TIME AT ALL.
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THAT'S HOW
I WAS ABLE TO FINISH OFF THAT WOMAN EASILY, TOO.

IF YOU DON'T PUT HIM DOWN AND RAISE YOUR HANDS...
STOP!!
I'M AFRAID IT'S TIME TO SAY GOODBYE.
...I'M BEING MET AROUND THIS AREA.
THIS NATION'S POLICE CAN'T DO THAT EITHER.
IF I DON'T, YOU'LL... SHOOT?
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IT WAS VERY AMUSING.
TO THE ONLY ODD ONE AMONG ALL OF YOU.
DO YOU THINK SO TOO?

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BIRTHDATE: JANUARY 7
AGE: 25
HEIGHT: 166 CM
WEIGHT: 52 KG
PERSONALITY: CALM
SPECIALTY: EVERYTHING AND ANYTHING
X'S RELATIONSHIP TO HER: DEPENDING ON THE DAY, MASTER, CHILD, FRIEND, LOVER, BROTHER, SISTER, OR OTHERS

CHAPTER 122
呼【CALL】
AFTERWARD, HE...
FLEW OFF AT HIGH SPEED ON AN UNMANNED FIGHTER JET...
ESCAPING BY HANGING ONTO IT WITH HIS BARE HANDS.
THE WOMAN INSIDE THE HELICOPTER WAS ALREADY DEAD WHEN SHE WAS PULLED OUT.
FROM HER LOOKS, IT'S THOUGHT THAT SHE REALLY WAS THE WANTED CRIMINAL, IMINA.

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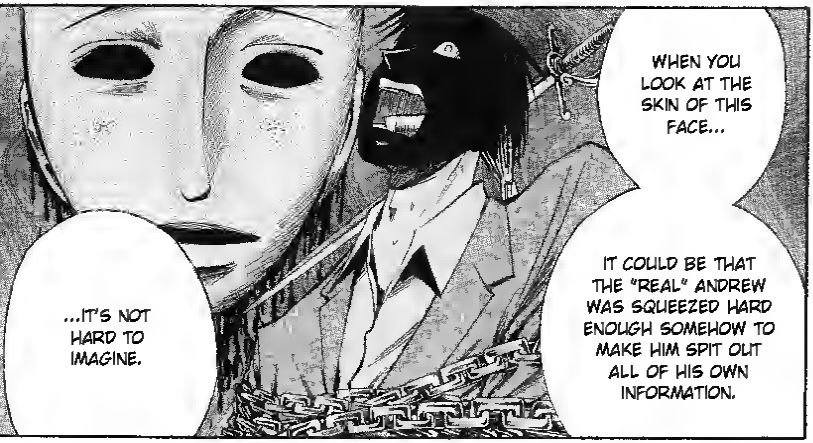
WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE SKIN OF THIS FACE...
IT COULD BE THAT THE "REAL" ANDREW WAS SQUEEZED HARD ENOUGH SOMEHOW TO MAKE HIM SPIT OUT ALL OF HIS OWN INFORMATION.
...IT'S NOT HARD TO IMAGINE.

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THE FACT THAT HE *DIDN'T* TRANSFORM MAKES IT ALL THE MORE HORRIBLE.
GETTING BACK TO WHAT SASAZUKA SAID
THE MAN WEARING ANDREW'S SKIN...
CAME TO THIS COUNTRY WITH THE GOAL OF GETTING X IN HIS POSSESSION.
EVEN X...
DIDN'T GO SO FAR AS TO MAKE THAT CRUEL OF A "DISGUISE."

WE, JAPAN'S POLICE, WERE EASILY USED
BY THE MAN CALLED "SICKS."
I SCREWED UP.

IF THEY'D BEEN PERFECTLY DEPLOYED AT THE TIME
...NO.

I WAS AFRAID INFORMATION ON X'S TRANSFORMATION WOULD GET LEAKED.
WITH THAT IN MIND, I WAS SLOW TO TELL USUI.
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OUR LOSS HAD ALREADY BEEN DECIDED.
BY THE TIME THAT HE AND X MET...
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN FUTILE.
WE NEVER EVEN HAD THE POWER TO COMPETE.
JUST LIKE...
HOW HE SEES EVEN X AS A CHILD.

NEURO...
THAT PERSON...
WHO WAS HE?
HE...
SAID THAT X IS HIS OWN CLONE, BUT
SOME-THING IS...
FUNDAMENTALLY DIFFERENT.
YOU FELT IT TOO, PERHAPS.
CLOSER THAN X TO HUMAN, IN SHAPE AND FORM, BUT
INSIDE HIM IS ANOTHER MATTER ENTIRELY.
...YEAH.
THAT PERSON AND X ARE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT.

"NEW BLOODLINE"...
IS HOW HE WORDED IT.
THERE SEEMS TO BE A CERTAIN BIOLOGICAL DIFFERENCE...
BETWEEN HIM AND HUMANITY.
THAT KIND OF PRESSURE...
ISN'T SOMETHING THAT COULD COME FROM A HUMAN BEING.
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THERE'S STILL SOME MUSCLE PAIN IN MY BODY.
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HM.
DUE TO HIS EXCESSIVE USE OF THE ELECTRONIC DRUG.
X...
DID A LOT OF HORRIBLE THINGS UP UNTIL NOW.
I MYSELF HAD A HORRIBLE EXPERIENCE.
NOW WHY IS THE MOST PAINFUL SPOT ON MY CHEEK.
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THAT IS THE SPOT I KICKED YOU.
TWO OF THE THREE TIMES, IT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH X.
I COULDN'T HELP BUT BE HUNGRY AFTER THE REACTION TO THE BRAINWASHING.
BACK TO NORMAL.
BUT...
I'M WORRIED ABOUT X NOW.
KNOWING HIS PAST VERY WELL...

MORE IMPORTANTLY
HE LOST THAT PERSON, AI.
.....
I DON'T KNOW THE DETAILS OF WHY HE WAS TAKEN, BUT
FROM THE WAY HE WAS TREATED, IT'S PROBABLY NOT GOING TO GO WELL FOR HIM.
I WAS ONLY WITH THEM FOR A SHORT TIME, BUT...
SHE WAS PRETTY MUCH THE ONLY PERSON...
THAT COULD PLAY THE SERIOUS ROLE TO X'S EVIL IDIOT ONE.

I THINK ...
IT WAS LIKE WHO KAITOU "X" WAS INSIDE...
NEEDED THAT PERSON.
HOWEVER MUCH HE LEARNS OF HIS OWN ROOTS,
WHEN HE'S LOST THAT PERSON,
I WONDER IF X...
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CAN HOLD ONTO WHO HE IS INSIDE?

"SICKS."
YOU'RE ON A WHOLE DIFFERENT LEVEL.
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YOU REALLY DID IT.
YOU DID IT JUST THAT EASILY...
AND CAUGHT WHAT NOBODY HAD BEEN ABLE TO.
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THE ONLY ONE WHO EVEN CAME CLOSE WAS KASAI HERE.
AND HE WAS DRIVEN OUT BEFORE HE HAD TIME TO INFORM ME OF HIS LOCATION.

RICO.
THIS IS THE CHILD YOU COULDN'T FIND IN FIVE YEARS.

...AH..
TO MY SHAME.

YESSIR...

AAH, NO NO.
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YOU CAN'T DO IT WITH A GUN.

TIME FOR YOUR PUNISHMENT.
KILL YOURSELF.

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YOU CAN USE THIS FOR THAT KIND OF THING, TOO.
JUST SET IT AGAINST YOUR STOMACH AND MOVE IT LEFT AND RIGHT.
I DON'T CARE ABOUT A FAIR PUNISHMENT.
THE PAIN WILL PROBABLY BE HELLISH, BUT...
YOU'LL DIE AT SOME POINT.
I SIMPLY...
WANT TO WATCH YOU DIE.

AH WELL.
DO YOUR BEST.
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THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
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I'M SURE YOU HEARD THIS CHILD'S STORY...
OF MEETING NEURO.
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...BY THE WAY, KASAI.
WHILE YOU WERE FOLLOWING THIS CHILD
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HE'S INTERESTING.
I TRIED A BIT HARDER TO INTIMIDATE HIM, BUT...
HE WASN'T EVEN SHAKEN.
I'VE NEVER SEEN A HUMAN THAT COULDN'T BE PUSHED DOWN BY YOU.
W-WOW.
A DEMON THAT EATS "PUZZLES"...
...IS WHAT WAS SAID....
PERHAPS IT REALLY IS TRUE.

SOMEHOW OR OTHER, LIKE THE CLONE...
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LIKE HOW THIS CHILD IS ATTRACTED TO HIM
I'M INTERESTED IN HIM, TOO.
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SHALL WE TRY CALLING HIM.
PERHAPS HE TOO...
WOULD LIKE TO KNOW ABOUT ME.
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HM.
I HAVE NOT DEVOURED A NATURAL "PUZZLE" IN SOME TIME.
I SHALL HAVE TO GO SEARCHING AT RANDOM.
AS SOON AS I FIND ONE, I WILL CALL YAKO, AND...
NO.
THAT PATTERN IS GETTING STALE, TOO.
I SHALL MAKE A BOTTOMLESS POND AT THE PLACE I CALL HER TO!!
WHEN SHE'S CAUGHT, I WILL MAKE HER HOLD UP A PLACARD READING "GREAT SUCCESS!!" FOR A MEMORIAL PHOTO
AND THEN LEAVE HER LIKE THAT...
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...HM.
IT LOOKS LIKE HE HAS NO INTENTION OF LETTING ME HAVE A QUIET MEAL.
SICKS... ...IS IT.

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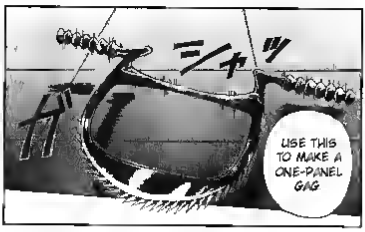

IT STINKS
THE STINK OF A CULTIVATED "PUZZLE".
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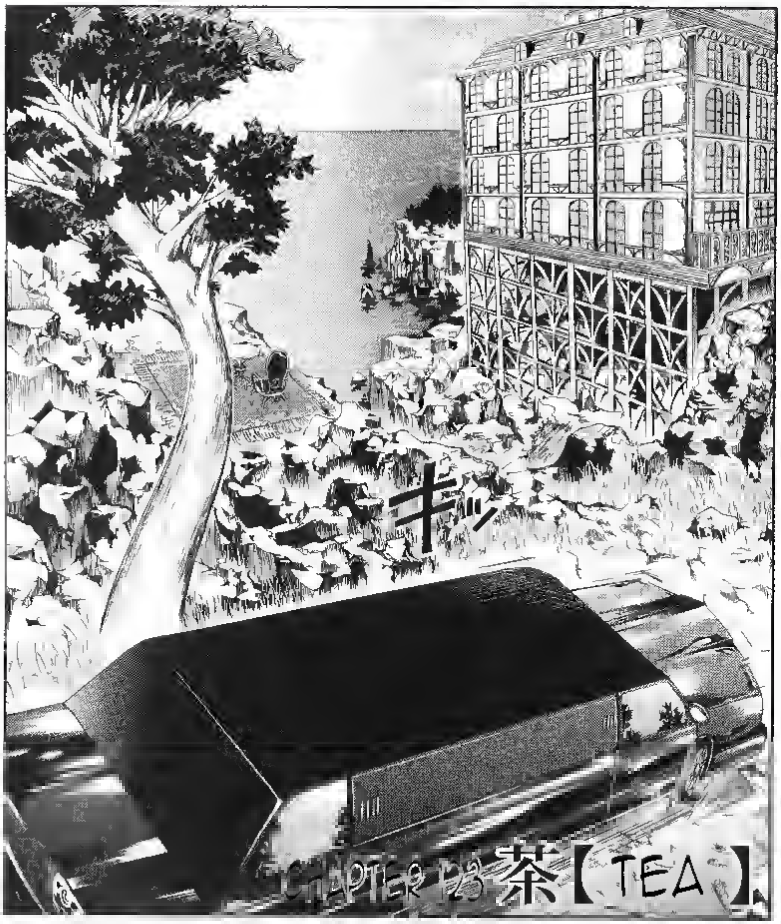
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MY APOLOGIES FOR THE SUDDEN INVITATION
HAVE A SEAT
NEURO

THE ACIDITY WOULD MAKE AN ORDINARY PERSON'S STOMACH ACHE, BUT...
IT'S A PECULIARITY I'VE GOTTEN USED TO
SOME TEA?
IT'S A SPECIAL ROSEHIP BLEND FROM MY CLAN'S FIELDS
THAT'S TOO BAD
I'D EVEN PREPARED SOME TEATIME SNACKS TO GO WITH IT.
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NN?
YOU AREN'T GOING TO DRINK IT?
WELL THEN, TALK

WHO ARE YOU?
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I HAVEN'T HEARD YOUR NAME NOR YOUR OCCUPATION.
WHAT MANNER OF CREATURE ARE YOU?
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WASN'T THERE A MAN THAT WROTE MY INVITATION RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU?
IN HIS OWN BLOOD
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"YOUR FATHER ABANDONED HIS FAMILY AND RAN OFF"
BUT, THEN WHEN
WE TOOK HIS FAMILY HOSTAGE TO GET HIM TO DO THAT
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WHEN HE DID IT...
WAS WHISPERED TO THEM, IN THE MIDST OF THEIR DESPAIR AND HATRED, THEY EXPIRED.
WE LET HIS WIFE AND CHILD LIVE

I LIKED THAT
YOU COULD SAY...
IT'S IN MY NATURE
.....

"ORTHO-GENETIC EVOLUTION"
...IS THE WORD FOR IT
LET'S HAVE A LITTLE MORE COMPLEX DISCUSSION, NEURO
888 Km/h
FOR EXAMPLE IN THE CASE OF HORSES...
"I WANT TO RUN FAST."
AND THEY HAVE LIVED WITH ONLY THAT DESIRE FOR WHO KNOWS HOW MANY TENS OF THOUSANDS OF YEARS
THE SAME THING REPEATS ITSELF FOR TENS OF THOUSANDS OF GENERATIONS
AND ACCORDINGLY, THE FEMALES CHOOSE THE MALE WHO RUNS THE FASTEST, AND THEIR CHILD IS LEFT BEHIND
...AND THEN WHAT KIND OF CHANGE OCCURS?

STARTING WITH A PIGLIKE FORM,
THROUGH "RUNNING FAST", IT HAS BECOME A SPECIALIZED SPECIES
THE SHAPE OF THE FOOT IS REFINED, THE BODY BECOMES LARGER
PUSHING FORWARD ON A SINGLE VECTOR IS "ORTHOGENETIC EVOLUTION"
THEIR CAPABILITIES LEAPT EVEN FURTHER AHEAD
FAST HORSES HAVE BEEN BRED TOGETHER MORE ACCURATELY BY HUMANS
AND FURTHER-MORE, IN THE SPACE OF A THOUSAND YEARS
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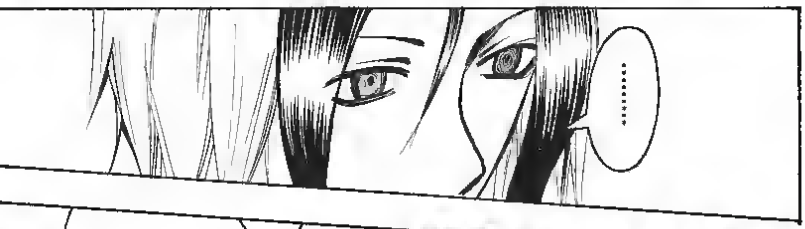
CAN YOU IMAGINE WHAT HUMANS CAN DO?
IF IT CAN BE DONE WITH HORSES...

I CAN TRACE...
MY FAMILY TREE BACK SEVEN THOUSAND YEARS
THERE WAS A PERIOD WHERE THE PEOPLE BACK THEN THRIVED ON WAR WITH NEIGHBORING VILLAGES
MY ANCESTORS MADE WEAPONS...
AND CONTINUED TO THINK ONLY ABOUT THE MEANS OF KILLING PEOPLE, MORE THAN JUST FOR WORK
AND FOR THE SENSE NECESSARY FOR THAT...
THE CHILD WITH THE MOST "EVIL INTENT" CONTINUED THE FAMILY LINE
THE SUCCESSION OF "EVIL INTENT" REPEATED OVER SEVEN THOUSAND YEARS
AS THE GENERATIONS WENT PAST
THE "EVIL INTENT" PILED UP AND INCREASED

BUT ORTHOGENETIC EVOLUTION THAT ADVANCED THE BRAIN
NOT MUSCLES OR SKELETON...
EXACTLY!!
IN SHORT
THE ORTHOGENETIC EVOLUTION OF "EVIL INTENT"
MYSELF, THE PRESENT HEAD OF OUR CLAN
AND THEN, CRYSTALLIZED FROM THE GENERATIONS OF THE PAST SEVEN THOUSAND YEARS...
WEAK HUMAN BRAINS COULDN'T STAND THIS EVIL INTENT
THE DNA IN MY BRAIN IS NO LONGER OF A LEVEL THAT COULD BE CALLED HUMAN
I WAS SURPRISED TO LOOK INTO MY OWN DNA

A NEW "SPECIES", WITH GIGANTIC EVIL INTENT AND STRONG BRAINS IN PLACE OF HORNS
"NEW BLOODLINE"
THAT IS OUR...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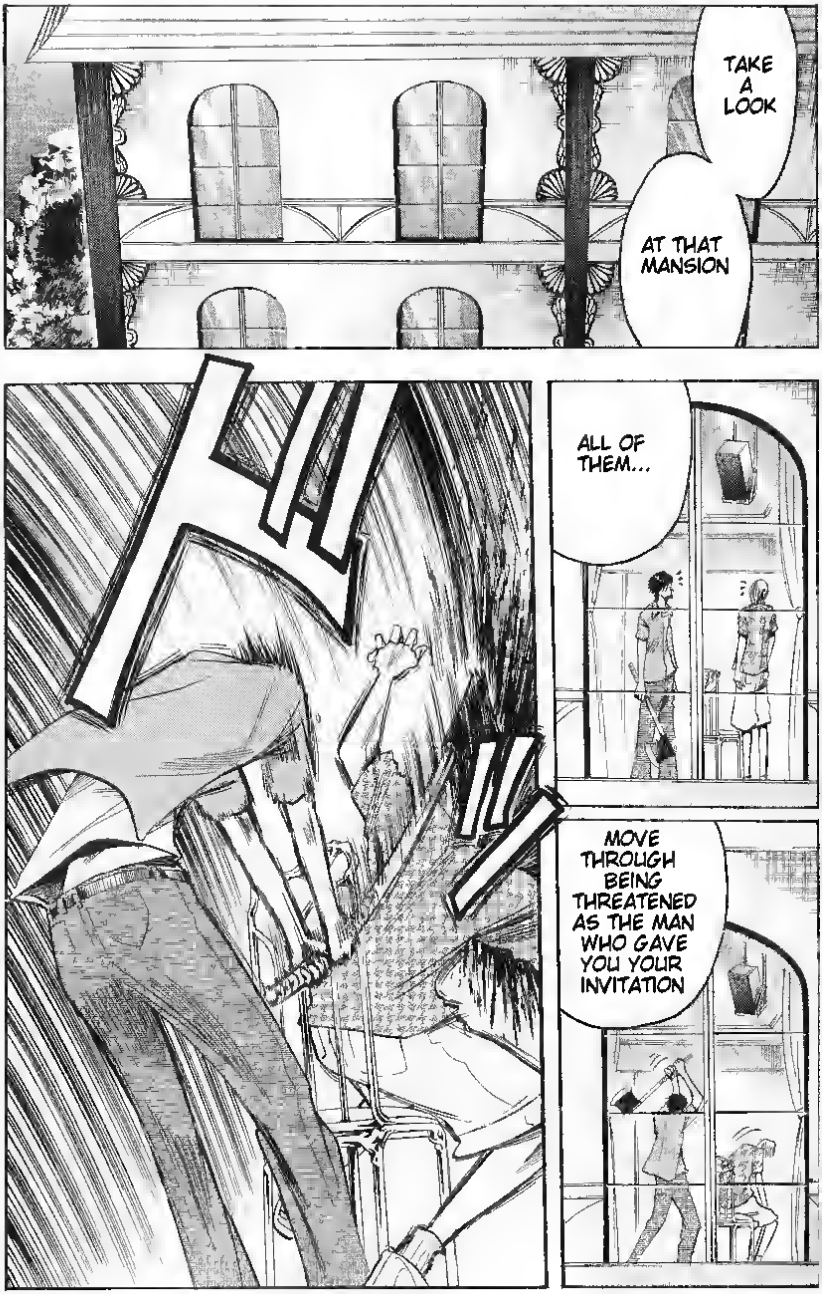
A SPLENDID TEATIME SNACK FOR YOU
I'VE PREPARED

BY THE WAY, NEURO
I'VE HEARD YOU'RE A DAEMON THAT EATS "PUZZLES"


TAKE A LOOK
AT THAT MANSION
ALL OF THEM...
MOVE THROUGH BEING THREATENED AS THE MAN WHO GAVE YOU YOUR INVITATION

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AND GOT BACK HERE FROM THE CRIME SCENE WITHIN TEN SECONDS!!
I JUST KILLED MY OWN BEST FRIEND ON THE SECOND FLOOR!!
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HUFF

NEUUUUUROOOOOOO!!
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HUFF
HOW DID I DOOO IIIIT!?
HUFF
SO
HUFF

NEURO, NEURO!!
I KILLED SEVEN PEOPLE AT ONCE WITH ONE KNIFE
SO, HOW DID I DOOOO IT!!

GO AHEAD AND EAT
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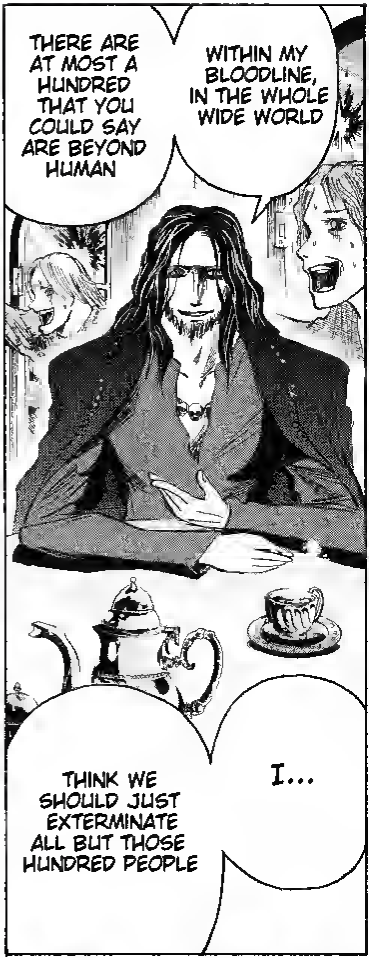
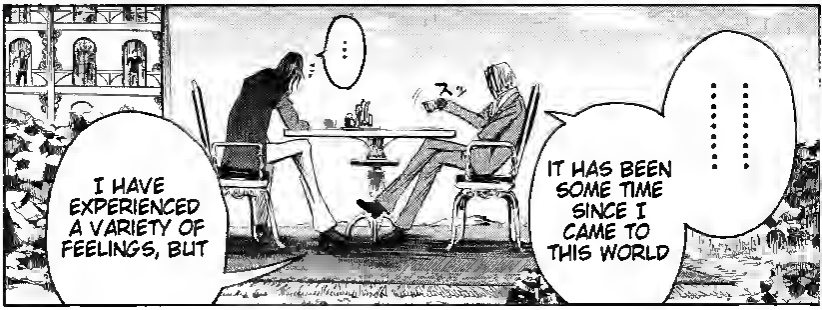
I PREPARED A WIDE VARIETY OF DISHES FOR YOU

NEURO,
WILL YOU JOIN ME?
MY COMRADE WHO IS FAR FROM HUMAN


THERE ARE AT MOST A HUNDRED THAT YOU COULD SAY ARE BEYOND HUMAN
WITHIN MY BLOODLINE, IN THE WHOLE WIDE WORLD
THINK WE SHOULD JUST EXTERMINATE ALL BUT THOSE HUNDRED PEOPLE
I...


I HAVE EXPERIENCED A VARIETY OF FEELINGS, BUT
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IT HAS BEEN SOME TIME SINCE I CAME TO THIS WORLD
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THOSE ARE HIGH WORDS OF PRAISE
BUT, THANK YOU
...THAT'S UNFOR-TUNATE
THIS...
IS THE FIRST TIME ANYONE HAS BEEN ABLE TO MAKE ME HAVE SUCH AN UNPLEASANT FEELING
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UNDERLING A ONE-SHOT GAG PANEL

"MY BABY"

UNDERLING A:
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AT ONE TIME THE ANCIENT EUROPEANS...
CALLED THE HORSEMEN THAT RAMPAGED IN FROM THE EAST A "SICKNESS"
EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE THE SAME HUMANS
BECAUSE THE SPEED OF THEIR INVASION AND THEIR CRUELTY WAS BEYOND COMPREHENSION...
FUNNY, ISN'T IT?
THEY WERE INTERPRETED, NOT AS A PEOPLE, BUT AS A "SICKNESS"
FOR THE SAME REASON
PEOPLE THAT KNOW OF MY FAMILY...
REFER TO OUR NATURE AS "SICK"
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NEURO
WHAT ABOUT IT DOESN'T INTEREST YOU
MY FOREIGN COMRADE
I THOUGHT YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN MY PRESENT
IF YOU WANT A "PUZZLE"...
IT WOULD BE FASTEST AND EASIEST TO HAVE ONES MADE LIKE SO
HUMANS ARE YOUR FOOD, AREN'T THEY?
NO, SOLVE MINE, NEURO!!
HURRY, HURRY...
SOLVE MY "PUZZLE"!!
NEURO!!

BE SILENT
I HAVE FELT KEENLY THESE LAST FEW DAYS
THAT AN UNNATURAL "PUZZLE" WILL NOT DO
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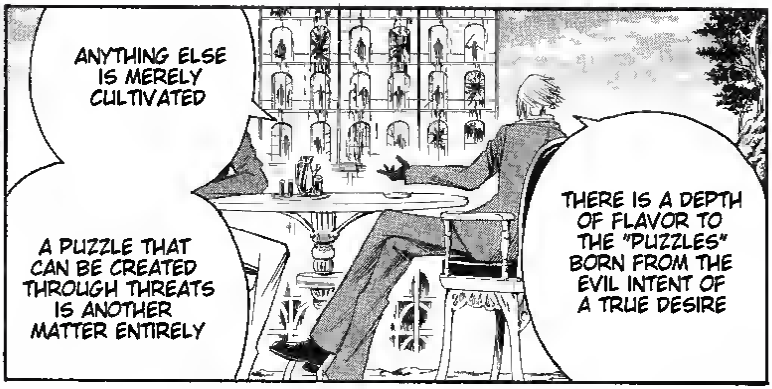
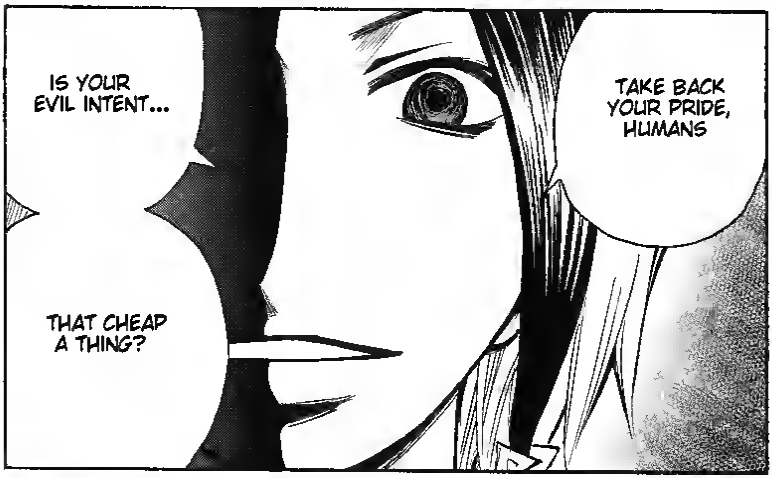

ANYTHING ELSE IS MERELY CULTIVATED
A PUZZLE THAT CAN BE CREATED THROUGH THREATS IS ANOTHER MATTER ENTIRELY
THERE IS A DEPTH OF FLAVOR TO THE "PUZZLES" BORN FROM THE EVIL INTENT OF A TRUE DESIRE


IS YOUR EVIL INTENT...
THAT CHEAP A THING?
TAKE BACK YOUR PRIDE, HUMANS

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YOU AND I ARE DIFFERENT I SUPPOSE...
SUCH BORING THOUGHTS DON'T SUIT ME
IN HOW FAR REMOVED WE ARE FROM HUMANS
WHY DO HUMANS PROTECT CHIMPANZEES AND KEEP THEM ALIVE
THE REASON IS SIMPLE
BECAUSE THEY ARE STUPID
THERE WAS A MORE SUPERIOR TYPE OF MONKEY AT ONE TIME
AND SO HUMANS DESTROYED THEM ALL
THE REASON IS SIMPLE
BECAUSE THEY WERE SMART

IF A MONKEY COULD USE WORDS AND HAD THE INTELLIGENCE OF A GRADE SCHOOL CHILD...
WE COULD NOT LIVE TOGETHER
WE WOULD BE SUSPICIOUS THAT IT WOULD CATCH US OFF GUARD AT SOME TIME
BECAUSE THEY ARE CLOSE TO US, WE FEAR THEM
BY ELIMINATING OUR EVOLUTIONARY NEIGHBORS...
WE CAN ENSURE OUR BLOODLINE
HUMANS ARE THOSE MONKEYS
TO US, WHO HAVE EVOLVED ONLY A LITTLE FURTHER THAN HUMANS

...HMPH
SOMEONE SO DISTANT CAN'T UNDERSTAND OUR WAY OF THINKING
...WELL THEN
WE'LL HAVE TO PUT A FRIENDLY END TO OUR NEGOTIATIONS
.....
AFTER BRINGING HIM BACK...
PERHAPS YOU HAD SOME AIM IN MIND
WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH X
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...OHO
ARE YOU CONCERNED?
THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY

HE'S JUST BEEN RETURNED TO HIS LIFE AS A GUINEA PIG, A TEST SUBJECT, AS HE WAS BEFORE
AS FOR HIS USE AFTER THAT...
I'LL THINK ABOUT IT WHEN THE TIME COMES
WE'RE BEING PRESENTED WITH SOME VERY VALUABLE DATA FROM THE LAST NUMBER OF YEARS

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I'M AFRAID I MUST BE GOING BUT
NOW THEN
IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU HAD YET TO SAY?
BUT...
CERTAINLY, YOU SEEM TO NOT BE HUMAN, AS I AM
I AM DECIDEDLY AGAINST YOUR WAY OF THINKING ABOUT HUMANS
YOU AND I WILL BE ENEMIES
...IT SEEMS THAT...
OHO
SHALL WE BOTH STATE OUR THOUGHTS ON THE MATTER
IF THAT'S THE CASE

ALL HUMANS ARE MY SOURCE OF FOOD AND MY PLAYTHINGS
ONLY I HAVE THE RIGHT TO TOY WITH THEM
IT DOES DIFFER, DOESN'T IT
ALL HUMANS ARE MY ENEMIES AND MY PROPERTY
ONLY I HAVE THE RIGHT TO DESTROY THEM

...HMPH
A COMPETITION FOR THE SPOT AT THE TOP OF THE FOOD CHAIN, IS IT
CERTAINLY...
THERE SEEMS TO BE A HIGH PROBABILITY OF BEING ENEMIES
MY AIM FOR THE TIME BEING...
IS FIRST OF ALL TO DECREASE THE NUMBER OF HUMANS
I'LL BE CONTENT IF YOU STAY SILENT AND WATCH
HOWEVER, IF YOU GET IN THE WAY AS WE MIGHT PUT IT
MY BLOODLINE THAT IS SCATTERED ACROSS THE WORLD...
WITH THEIR NEW TYPE OF EVIL INTENT THAT IS KNOWN AS A "SICKNESS"
THE "NEW BLOODLINE" WILL BE YOUR OPPONENTS

WE'RE A LITTLE DIFFERENT FROM ORDINARY CRIMINALS
HAVING AN EVIL INTENT AN ORDER OF MAGNITUDE GREATER THAN HUMANS
WE'RE MAJOR LEAGUERS
MY BLOODLINE...
HAS TAKEN ON VARIOUS ABILITIES IN THE PROCESS OF HYBRIDIZING TO HONE OUR EVIL INTENT
ANDREW SIXSON'S MEMORIZATION ABILITY WAS A REMNANT OF THAT
THAT POWER TOO IS THE PROOF OF OUR LINE
CRIMES THAT MAKE USE OF IT...
BECOME YET MORE POWERFUL

OF COURSE, YOU SHOULDN'T EXPECT A "PUZZLE"
SO EVEN IF YOU GO AGAINST ME
YOU'LL HAVE NOTHING TO GAIN?

DAEMON...
NEURO
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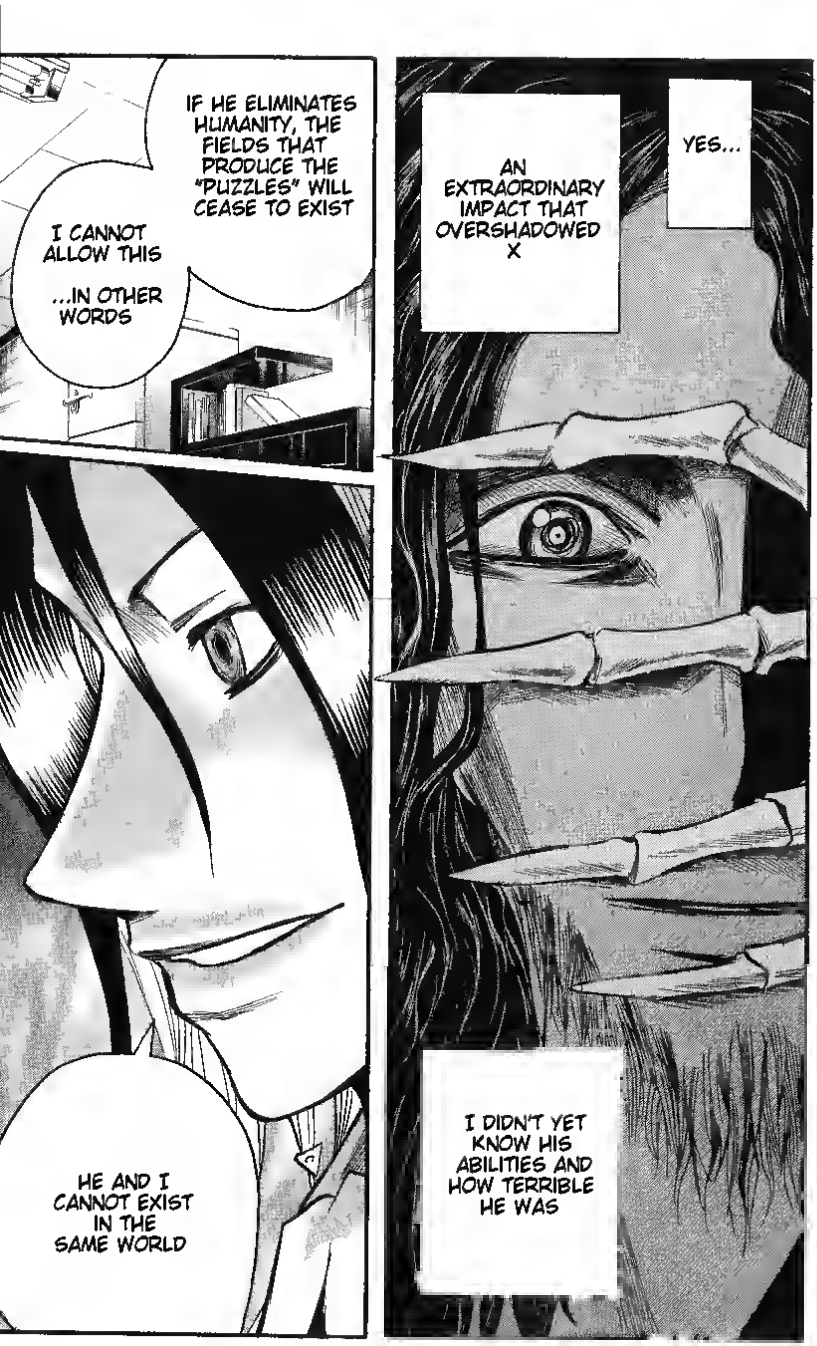
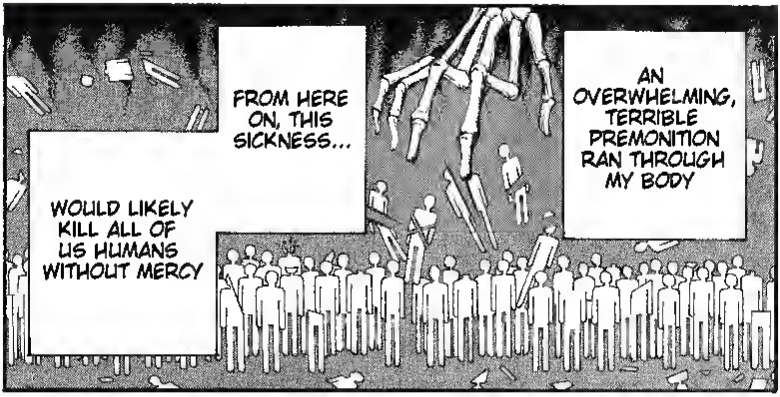
...AND, WELL
EACH OF US BEARING CRISP SMILES, WE CLOSED OUR MEETING OVER TEA
SADISTIC SUMMIT MEETING!!
SOME KIND OF
SUCH GREAT EVENTS HAPPENING IN THIS SHORT SPAN OF TIME...
EVEN THE THINGS I WENT OVER DON'T MEAN ANYTHING NOW
I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D REALLY BE HAVING A TALK OVER THE RIGHT TO CONTROL ALL PEOPLE
IS THAT SO STRANGE!?


IF HE ELIMINATES HUMANITY, THE FIELDS THAT PRODUCE THE "PUZZLES" WILL CEASE TO EXIST
I CANNOT ALLOW THIS
...IN OTHER WORDS
HE AND I CANNOT EXIST IN THE SAME WORLD
YES...
AN EXTRAORDINARY IMPACT THAT OVERSHADOWED X
I DIDN'T YET KNOW HIS ABILITIES AND HOW TERRIBLE HE WAS

IT WAS THE FIRST TIME I SAW
NEURO SHOW SIGNS THAT SOMEONE WAS AN "ENEMY"
THE MAN WHOSE DANGER WAS ALL TOO HAZARDOUS
"SICKS"
FURTHERMORE, TO HUMANS, HIS VERY EXISTENCE WAS A "SICKNESS"


AN OVERWHELMING, TERRIBLE PREMONITION RAN THROUGH MY BODY
FROM HERE ON, THIS SICKNESS...
WOULD LIKELY KILL ALL OF US HUMANS WITHOUT MERCY

EVEN THE PEOPLE VERY CLOSE TO ME...
WITHOUT A SINGLE EXCEPTION...!!